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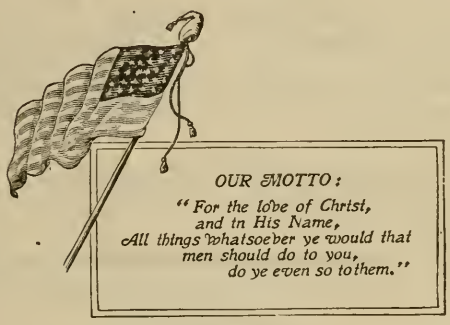

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Miss ANNIE K. BASSETT, Deaconess, ... Glenn Home, Cincinnati, O.
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Miss MARY C JACKSON, Sup't, ... " " " " " "
F. B. DORSEY, M. D., Chief of Medical Staff, " " " " "
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" SADIE SHEFFER, Deaconess, Italian Methodist Episcopal Mission, . . "
" EMMA TRISCOTT, Deaconess, ... Hazelton, Pa.
Miss MAEBELL GRAHAM, Deaconess, ... Aberdeen, Wash.
" EDNA TRETHWAY, " . . . . . Ashland, Ore.
" EVA LUND, " . . . . . Eugene, Ore.
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" METTIE CHAFFEE, " . . . . . Pasadena, Cal.
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" RUTH B. SMITH, ... New Orleans University, New Orleans, La.
" LUCY VALENTINE, ... 4 Fidelity Place Montclair, N. J.
" HENRIETTA C. WILLIAMS, ... 127 South St., Newark, N. J.
" ROSA SIMPSON, ... Galveston, Texas.
" ROWENA HOWARD, ... Madisonville, O.

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Miss ANNIE E. MOSHER, Superintendent, Bancroft Rest Home, 74 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove N. J.
Mrs. A. E. FOOTE, " . . Wing Rest Home, Huntington Beach, Cal.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting

HELD IN

ST. MARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

BROOKLINE, MASS.,

OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 30, 1907.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened its first session at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, October 23, 1907, in St. Mark Church, Brookline, Mass.

The magnificent flags of our country greeted the eye upon entering the beautiful church, together with the decorations of palms, the cheerful and hearty welcome accorded to all from the pastor of the Church and the ladies in charge, and the joy of those in this blessed service being privileged to meet again face to face was a delightful promise of the happy days to follow in the interest of our great Society.

The communion service was conducted by the Rev. John Galbraith, D. D., presiding elder of the Boston District; the Rev. Chas. F. Rice, presiding elder of the Cambridge District; the Rev. L. H. Bugbee, D. D., pastor of St. Mark Church, and the Rev. Dillon Bronson, superintendent of Boston City Missions, and it will linger in the memory.

The Apostles' Creed was recited. "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" was sung, after which the President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, called the Convention to order.

The President announced with deepest regret that Mrs. F. A. Aiken, our Recording Secretary, who had served the Society efficiently and faithfully for twenty-four years, was ill and would not be present, saying this was but the second absence of Mrs. Aiken during her years of service.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach moved that a telegram be sent Mrs. Aiken by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Williams, expressive of the regret of the Convention because of her absence, and sympathy with her in her illness. The motion was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mrs. S. W. Floyd, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, O., was elected Secretary *pro tem,* and proceeded to organize the Convention. Mrs. Albright stated that Mrs. Aiken had suggested the following ladies as Assistant Secretaries: Mrs. B. S. Potter, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Jas. E. Gilbert, Washington, D. C. On motion, they were duly elected. It was announced that Mrs. Gilbert would not be present, and Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, Los Angeles, Cal., was then elected.

The following Committees were constituted:

Credentials and Enrollment.—Mrs. D. M. Bailey, Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. C. B. Kline, Mrs. Anna M. Onstott, and Mrs. J. F. Mund.

Courtesies.—Mrs. S. A. Jacobs, with power to select her associates.

By-Laws.—Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. M. T. MacGuffin, Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss, Mrs. D. B. Street, and Miss Martha Van Marter.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Samuel M. Dick, Mrs. J. A. Chelton, Mrs. C. V. Grismer, Mrs. Abbott Webster, and Mrs. J. W. Price.

Place of Meeting.—Mrs. D. M. Bailey, Mrs. M. H. Nason, Mrs. J. C. Sceva, Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and Mrs. C. L. Peck.

Church Press.—Miss Martha Van Marter, with power to choose her assistants.

Secular Press.—Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, with power to choose her associates.

Pulpit Supply.—The Local Committee, with Mrs. G. M. Durgan as Chairman.

On motion, the program presented, as prepared by the Committee on Program for the Annual Meeting, was adopted as the order of business.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, invited the Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, to the platform, and the report to which the Convention listened represented, not only work on the part of the Treasurer, but encouragement for the Society. Upon motion, the report was adopted by a rising vote, and while standing the Convention joined in singing "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." (See Report.)

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That henceforth, at all Annual Meetings, beginning the coming year, the Treasurer's report be printed in full (on a chart of heavy paper) plainly indicating the increase or decrease in each item, and that this chart be hung where it can be seen throughout the meeting.

The report of the Auditing Committee, in the absence of Mrs. Wm. A. Goodman, Jr., was read by Mrs. I. D. Jones, of Cincinnati, who spoke

appreciative words of Mr. J. Gordon R. Wright, a faithful member of this Committee who had died during the year.

The report was accepted. (See Report.)

On motion of Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, a letter of sympathy was voted sent to Mrs. J. Gordon R. Wright. Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Williams were instructed to prepare the letter.

The Convention was treated to a delightful vocal solo, rendered by Mrs. Charles Soden, of Newtonville, Mass.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, called attention to the noontide of prayer. The silent moment of communion with our Father was observed, and Miss Van Marter voiced the spirit of all in audible words, praying especially that the women gathered in Convention might be given calmness of spirit and earnestness of purpose.

One verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung, and business was resumed after the President said, with much feeling, that one of the ladies had said to her that she desired to come to this Convention for the spiritual uplift she would receive. "God grant," Mrs. Fisk said, "that this blessing may come to us all."

The report of the Bureau for Mission Supplies, in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, was read by Mrs. J. C. Sceva, Secretary of Supplies for the Cincinnati Conference. It was a wonderful report. Mrs. Fisk spoke of the comfort and joy it represented to the parsonages of our country. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. C. W. Gallagher called attention to the proposed changes in the Constitution of the Society in regard to which all the requirements of publication had been met. The change recommends that there be added to Section 5, Article III, the following words: "Also one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more young people's organizations." On motion, the amendment was adopted.

After announcements, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung, and the session adjourned until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session was called to order promptly at two o'clock by the President, Mrs. Fisk.

The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. N. W. Bass, one of the National Organizers. After the hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak," was sung, Mrs. Bass read the forty-sixth Psalm, and Mrs. M. Libby Allen, another of our General Organizers, led in prayer. The devotions were concluded by the singing of two verses of "How Firm a Foundation."

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

The report of General Publications was given by Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Editor and Business Manager. She said there had been a growing demand for our literature, which was shown by an increase of receipts over those of last year amounting to nearly $1,000. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The report of Hull Street Settlement, Boston, was given by Mrs. Ada T. Wells, the superintendent, and showed an increased attendance in every department. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. W. M. Ampt, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted report, which was accepted. (See Report.)

The report of Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., given by the Chairman, Mrs. D. B. Street, told of the all too limited space required for this growing work. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, as General Superintendent of Graham Hospital, at Keokuk, Iowa, reported 334 patients last year, and the finances in excellent condition. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Mary C. Jackson, superintendent in charge, who had been there six years, was introduced by Mrs. Murphy to the Convention.

Mrs. J. W. Bush, Chairman of the Committee for Burge Hospital, Springfield, Mo., not having yet arrived, the President called upon Mrs. Robinson, who told, in a few words, of the work in a general way.

The report of the Southern California Hospital was also postponed on account of the sudden illness of Mrs. F. C. Morgan.

The vocal duet, by Mrs. Barber and Miss Hutchinson, of Newton, Mass., was at this time a pleasing interruption.

Mrs. R. H. Young, Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, brought the sad news of the serious illness of Dr. A. W. Newhall, who is at present in the hospital at Little Falls, N. Y., suffering from typhoid fever. Mrs. Young paid loving tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Newhall, of whom she said there were no greater heroes, as Mrs. Newhall had worked continuously in Alaska for eleven years and Dr. Newhall for nine or ten years. She also said that our Society should not permit workers to remain for four years at a time in that country. Mrs. Young reported that Dr. Newhall had brought four native boys with him to be educated, and pleaded for some woman to send for an Alaskan girl that she might educate her.

Mrs. Young reported that because of a gift of $1,000 from Mrs. M. E. Yates, of Fort Edward, N. Y., she had been able to make the workers at the Jesse Lee Memorial Home more comfortable with one-half of the gift, and the other half had been invested.

On motion, Mrs. Young's report was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Williams led in an earnest prayer for Dr. Newhall, and, on motion of Mrs. L. B. Lord, of Burlington, a telegram of sympathy, goodwill, and appreciation was directed sent him.

Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, of Southern California Conference, gave an account of the Yuma Indians, who, for one hundred and twenty five years, have lived within less than one hundred miles of Los Angeles. Until three years ago no Protestant missionary had ever visited them. The Southern California Conference has undertaken this work under the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and has six acres of land, with missionaries, homes, etc. It will cost $1,000 yearly to support the work, and $1,000 is needed at once to build a chapel. The degradation and poverty of these Indians is beyond belief. The missionary found that they had no written language, and he has learned three hundred words with English equivalents and proposes to write them a language.

Miss Sarah M. De Line, Secretary of the Bureau for Indian and Frontier Work, reported a good year for the Ponca Indians; there had been a religious revival in which one hundred had professed conversion. In the Pawnee tribe there had also been unusual success, but at Stickney Home, Lynden, Washington, it had been a year of disaster on account of the floods, and as a result there was much sickness. Miss De Line reported some pledges unpaid which had greatly increased the burdens of the missionaries. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The President, Mrs. Fisk, being called from the platform, Mrs. Robinson, First Vice-President, occupied the chair.

Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, Secretary of the Bureau for Texas, reported her homes in flourishing condition. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Fisk resumed the chair.

Under miscellaneous business, Mrs. Roach moved that a fixed date for the Annual Meeting be made. Mrs. McCarty amended by fixing date not to conflict with the date of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the motion as amended prevailed.

Mrs. Dailey moved that the matter be referred to the By-Law Committee with power to fix a date, which, after some discussion, was ordered.

A telegram was received from Mrs. William Christie Herron, telling of her enforced absence on account of sickness. On motion of Mrs. Woodruff, it was voted to send a telegram of greeting and sympathy to Mrs. Herron. After which, on request of the President, Mrs. Woodruff led in the singing of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There."

The session then adjourned until 7.30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE meeting opened promptly at 7.30 o'clock, with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair.

The hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," was sung, and Mrs. Clara L. Roach conducted the devotional service.

Mrs. Fisk, in introducing the Rev. A. S. Beiler, D. D., of Boston, paid a tender tribute to the memory of Mrs. Beiler, who, for many years, did valiant service for Alaska. Dr. Beiler congratulated the Society on its great success and extended his heartfelt wishes for continued prosperity.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and adopted.

The Honorable John L. Bates, ex-Governor of the State of Massachusetts, extended the welcome of the Commonwealth, saying that if any of the delegates happened to have come by balloon, they saw that Massachusetts stands with big right arm reaching out into the blue ocean and her hand beckoning. So she has stood all the years, beckoning to the children of the Old World. Old Massachusetts typifies this organization, which beckons the poor, helpless, ignorant, and sorrowful of all races and climes to come and learn the better way of life.

Bishop Mallalieu, in welcoming the Convention to the city of Boston, said that God expects more of American women than He does of any other women on earth, and he exhorted the women present to make the Convention a time of consecration and renewal of vows that they may rise to their great opportunity. If this country is not kept fast anchored to God, then farewell to this land of ours and farewell to all hope of the world. He further said, "I am working in sympathy with you and raising $300,000 for a hospital and nurse training school in New Orleans." The bishop called on Mrs. Helen L. Payne, a colored delegate from Louisiana, to come forward, and presented her to the audience as the woman trained in the New Orleans Training School for Nurses who had, by her ministrations during the last yellow fever epidemic, won the praise and appreciation of the entire city.

The Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, D. D., pastor of St. Mark Church, in voicing the welcome to the Church, said that he once had the ill-fortune to go down from Jerusalem to Jericho and repeat the experience instanced in the Bible. While they slept in a little village on the Jordan, he and his companions were literally stripped of all their possessions. Therefore, he had unbounded appreciation of the Good Samaritan, and great gratitude for this honored company of Good Samaritan women of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Alice Davis, of Boston, rendered a vocal solo, "And Jesus Said, Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."

Mrs. Leslie Stevens, of University Place, Nebraska, gave the response to the addresses of welcome, voicing in fitting words the appreciation of the Convention for the gracious welcome so heartily extended.

The report of the General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, was then read, giving a deeply interesting survey of the entire field of work for the past year. The report was formally accepted with the thanks of the Convention. (See Report.)

The long meter Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. A. S. Beiler, D. D.

THURSDAY MORNING.

THE meeting opened promptly with the President in the chair. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung, followed by reading of Scripture passages with exposition of the same and offering prayer by Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, of Washington City. The prayer in song,

"Draw me nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious bleeding side,"

closed the devotions.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, and adopted.

A report of Bancroft Rest Home was given by Mrs. Anna E. Mosher, superintendent, and accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Anna Kent, Secretary of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish and English), displayed a bureau scarf made by one of the Spanish girls, and asked co-operation in its sale and presentation to one who had so largely helped in the work—Miss Alice M. Guernsey.

Mrs. Kent spoke of a visit to the comparatively new work in Tucson, Arizona, where she found the school being carried on in very cramped quarters, but the quality of the work was excellent. A plot of ground has been secured, and a beautiful plan taking shape in Mrs. Kent's brain will later materialize into a suitable home for the Tucson work. An anecdote by Mrs. Fisk emphasized the excellent preparation given these girls to become wives and home makers.

On motion of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, the report was accepted with thanks. Mrs. Robinson spoke of Mrs. Kent's kindness in caring for a deaconess broken in health in one of these homes. (See Report.)

Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Secretary of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (Indian and Mexican), reported that a Government School had been established at Dulce, New Mexico, thereby reducing somewhat the attendance at our school, but the workers are efficient and their influence over the Indians, even outside the school, is most helpful. In her report

of the Navajo Mission, Mrs. Simpson spoke tenderly of Miss Tripp's illness and death.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

The Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast, Mrs. A. M. Whitson, Secretary, was represented by Mrs. S. S. Holmes, who spoke of Mrs. Whitson's devotion to the Spanish work. Frances DePauw School has had a good year. A pastor has been secured for the mission, and his work has been greatly blessed.

Mrs. Robinson moved the acceptance of the report, with a tribute to the devotion of Mrs. Holmes, as well as Mrs. Whitson.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

The Secretary of the Bureau for Utah, Mrs. B. S. Potter, began her report by answering a question often asked, "What is being accomplished in Utah?" with the statement—the Christian religion is undermining the awful doctrines of the Mormon Church, and gave incidents in proof. Mrs. Potter made a startling statement when she said that if Mormonism were abolished it would take two generations to eliminate the poisonous doctrines that blight their minds and lives. Only the pure light of the Gospel can drive away the shadows.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

A violin solo, by Miss Grace Norris, made a pleasing break in the morning's business.

The editor of *Woman's Home Missions,* Miss Martha Van Marter, presented a bit of history of the official organ—its birth, and the large purposes and plans of its first editor, Mrs. H. C. McCabe. In December it finishes its twenty-fourth year of helpfulness, and a look forward brings the plan for the twenty-fifth anniversary that shall largely increase the subscription list. To make the paper even more helpful, Miss Van Marter asked for more articles and letters from the field and more items from Bureau Secretaries.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Van Marter, editor, also reported the *Children's Home Missions,* which has done twelve years of good work; as the organizations of children's work increase, so will the subscription list of *Children's Home Missions* increase.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Mary Belle Evans, publisher of *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions,* gave a statistical report of the children's paper that will be found in the published reports. Baltimore Conference was the only one to secure one thousand subscriptions.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Evans then submitted statistical report of the *Woman's Home Missions.* She said the *Woman's Home Missions* had been a vital force for good in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and if next year

is to be made a memorial one, a definite plan must be adopted. She divided the people into two classes, those who *lift* and those who *lean*. The subscription list of the *Woman's Home Missions* numbered 30,573 the past year, and to bring it up to 5,000 more will take concerted action by Auxiliary officers. Miss Evans then asked the privilege of reading a pledge prepared, as follows:

"It is the purpose of our Auxiliary to advance the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by securing, in 1908, the largest number of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* that we have ever had."

Asking for a positive vote upon it, Mrs. C. L. Roach spoke in its favor, and Mrs. W. W. Robinson endorsed the plan. Miss Barge said her faith reached out to 100,000 subscribers. The pledge was adopted.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. O. P. McCarty, Secretary of the Bureau for White Work in the South, brought a message of good tidings from the hills, giving interesting incidents of the girls and the workers. The fire at Boaz brought large response in supplies, which were gratefully received. The new home at Boaz, Ala., not yet completed or out of debt, is well arranged and convenient for the carrying on of a greater work than ever among these eager learners.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Jones said the Glenn Industrial Home, of Cincinnati, O., is doing in a peaceful way the work of putting in subjection the powers of the evil one. Many incidents were told of the great and good work done in Glenn Home, where lives are lifted to a higher plane.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

The session closed with the singing of the hymn, "Soldiers of the Cross, Arise."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

A DELIGHTFUL song service, including the hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," led by Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, preceded the business session.

Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, of New Haven, Conn., had charge of the devotions. Mrs. Rogers read a part of the sixteenth Psalm, and chose for her theme "The joy of the Lord and the joy of the Christian in the service of the Lord," closing with a prayer of thankfulness for our faith and joy as Christian workers.

The President asked that the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," be sung, and the helpful service closed.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Piatt for Mrs. Bodkin, and adopted.

Mrs. Anna D. Elder, the enterprising superintendent of the Rebecca McClesky Home, Boaz, Ala., represented her work in an address replete with interest. Mrs. Elder said that the old hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" had always been dear to her, but never so priceless as the last year; she thought God carried us into the dark sometimes so that we would cling closer to Him. She had felt all this in the burning of McClesky Home and its rebuilding. In the new Home, planned especially for this work, they will accommodate one hundred and thirty-five girls instead of ninety-six, the number in the old Home. Mrs. Elder vividly portrayed the conditions of the people and gave such interesting incidents of the work, that, on motion of Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Elder's time was extended.

Mrs. Anna B. Weston, Sharon, Mass., sang, to the delight of all, "The Promise of Life."

Mrs. S. A. Jacobs, Chairman of Committee on Courtesies, presented the following friends: Mrs. Bishop Goodsell, the Rev. Mr. Ackerman, the Rev. Mr. Pomeroy, the Rev. Mr. Wagner, and Dr. C. W. Gallagher, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ackerman said he was especially glad to be present and listen to the address of Mrs. Elder, for he helped to locate the Home at Boaz and, with Mrs. Williams, looked over the ground to locate Ritter Home.

The report of the Elizabeth E. Marcy Home, Chicago, in the absence of Mrs. F. W. Emerson, who is detained at home by illness, was read by Mrs. Margaret A. Hubbell, Treasurer of the Home. The report, full of interest, was supplemented by a few stirring words from Mrs. T. C. Warrington, assistant superintendent of the Home.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Margaret E. Lake, missionary of the Ellen Stark Ford Home for Japanese and Koreans at San Francisco, created a sensation by appearing with a tiny three-year-old Korean girl. As Miss Lake lifted the tot upon the table, with her gayly colored kimona, red sash, short, glistening black hair, and bright, bird-like eyes, she looked precisely like one of the Oriental dolls which delight the hearts of small girls at Christmas. Delighted applause greeted the atom as she stood shyly smiling down upon the Convention. Miss Lake explained that the child is a Korean, but that she was dressed in the Japanese costume to represent both branches of the San Francisco work. Her name is Laura Moon, and her mother was the first Korean woman to enter a mission school in Korea.

Speaking of the work in San Francisco, Miss Lake stated that the race question had spread innumerable difficulties in the way. Nearly every Japanese who comes is a Buddhist, and the Buddhist priests are at every boat, claiming their people that they may not fall into the hands of Christian missionaries. The Buddhists have homes in San Francisco and endeavor to make them rival the mission homes in attractiveness.

Miss Lake said that many things had conspired to make the past year a hard one. The earthquake and the fire not the least. They had literally been working in the ashes of that calamity. The Japanese are difficult to reach. They are becoming so involved in secular interests upon the coast that they have no thought of anything else. Two-thirds of the people who come to us have never heard of Christ, unless we reach them they go into dens of iniquity.

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson presented the resignation of Mrs. D. A. Minard, Secretary of the Central Deaconess Bureau. Mrs. Robinson said she offered the resignation with regret. Mrs. Minard had been an efficient and faithful Secretary.

Mrs. Roach moved that a letter be sent Mrs. Minard, expressing appreciation of her work and regret that she must relinquish active service. Carried.

Mrs. Robinson asked that Mrs. Roach forward such a letter to Mrs. Minard. Granted.

On recommendation of Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. J. F. Mund, of Cleveland, was chosen Mrs. Minard's successor and was presented to the Convention.

Miss Mary Belle Evans was privileged to give to the Convention cheerful news for the *Children's Home Missions.* She had received a gift of $10 for the paper, which would provide one hundred free subscriptions. Miss Evans proposed that the first eight Churches without any Woman's Home Missionary Society organization paying $1 for a club of ten subscriptions to *Children's Home Missions* will receive a second club free.

A telegram was received from Mrs. Aiken, and Mrs. Potter read the Scripture texts as follows: Psalms cxliii, 5; cxxvi, 3, and xlc, 17.

At the request of the President, the Convention arose and joined in singing, led by Mrs. Woodruff, "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night."

Reports of Conferences were read by Corresponding Secretaries as follows: Alabama, Mrs. Anna D. Elder; Atlanta, Miss Flora Mitchell; Baltimore, Mrs. Clara L. Roach.

Reports accepted. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Theodore A. Hildreth, Corresponding Secretary of the New England Deaconess Association Board, was introduced, and extended a most cordial invitation for the ladies to visit the various institutions under the auspices of this association.

After the Doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Hildredth, and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THE President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair, and Mrs. Woodruff led in singing familiar hymns.

The audience then arose and repeated the Twenty-third Psalm, led by Dr. Bugbee, pastor of the Church, after which the Lord's Prayer was recited.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

Mrs. J. E. Piatt, Secretary of the Bureau for Chinese Work, gave a report of the work done for Chinese women and children on the Pacific Coast. This work is still carried on in a rented house in Berkeley, where the Home was established after the destructive earthquake and fire of a year ago. Mrs. Piatt emphasized the imperative need of a new building, towards which some funds had been secured. She also called attention to the need of scholarships for thirty girls and forty children in the kindergarten. She said the only *real* calamity that had befallen the work was the resignation of Mrs. F. D. Bovard, who had so long and successfully been the efficient Secretary of the Chinese Bureau.

When, however, the Convention learned that the speaker, Mrs. Piatt, was the favored one on whom Mrs. Bovard's mantle had fallen, the expression on the faces of the ladies indicated that the Society felt that the work was in safe hands.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Stanley Webster read the report of the Bureau for Japanese and Korean Work. She reported the loss of Mrs. Mack, who had been sent to take the place of Miss Jayne in the Susannah Wesley Home in Honolulu. Since the new law restricting immigration to Honolulu went into effect there is a decrease of arrivals. There are at present in the Ellen Stark Ford Home, San Francisco, twenty bright children under the care of the kindergarten teacher, Miss Rockwell.

Report accepted. (See Report.)

The President introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Wm. A. Frye, D. D., of Trenton, N. J., whose subject was "The Sign of the Cross at the Gates of Empire."

Dr. Frye's address was interesting and very comprehensive, showing great familiarity with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. He said that on our continent could be traced the form of a cross whose head was in the eternal snows of the north, whose foot extended to the sunny climes of the South, while one arm touched the waters of the Pacific, and the other those of the Atlantic. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was large enough to embrace the extremities of this cross. Dr. Frye paid tribute to the women of our Society, declaring that our national life was purer because of the existence of this Society.

At the close of Dr. Frye's address, on motion of Mrs. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. I. D. Jones, a rising vote of thanks was given the speaker.

After the Doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Frye, and the meeting adjourned until 9.15 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair, and Miss Ella Chadwick in charge of the devotional service.

The hymn, "There 's a Wideness in God's Mercy," was sung, the Ninety-first Psalm read, and prayer offered by Miss Carrie Barge.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and adopted.

At 9.30 the Convention, in accordance with the program, resolved itself into the Committee on Finance.

At 11.30 the Committee arose.

The memorial service, in charge of Mrs. Lillie Leonard Slack, was solemn and impressive.

The hymn, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was sung. Mrs. Slack read the Gospel of St. John, 14th chapter, 1st, 2d, and 3d verses.

A beautiful duet, "Forever With the Lord," was sung by Mrs. Williams and Miss Gammons, of West Somerville, Mass.

Tributes were paid to the memory of the Rev. Richard Sutton Rust, by Mrs. William A. Goodman, Jr.; the Rev. James M. King, by Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk; Gen. Watts De Peyster, by Mrs. Mary Fisk Park; Mr. J. Gordon R. Wright, by Mrs. I. D. Jones; Mrs. Charles W. Smith, by Mrs. William R. Kuntz; Mrs. Helen Mathews, by Mrs. John Secor; Mrs. A. D. Knapp, by Mrs. H. W. Cary; Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens Dodds, by Mrs. Chas. F. Thirkield; Mrs. Lucy A. Wilcox, by Mrs. Osmon Royal; Mrs. B. F. Ham, by Miss Van Marter; Miss May Parrish, by Mrs. A. E. Griffith; Miss Margaretta Churchwell, by Miss E. M. Chadwick; Miss Lula Hine and Miss Calista Dunn, by Miss Bancroft; Miss Elizabeth Welch, by Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Mrs. Pamelia Felt, Mrs. Ward D. Platt, and Miss Mary E. Mohler; Miss Mary Tripp, by Mrs. E. W. Simpson. (See Memoirs.)

"O, Think of a Home Over There" was sung by Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Hudson.

Mrs. Williams offered prayer, and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the President, Mrs. Fisk, called the session to order at 2 o'clock, and announced the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Mr. R. L. Douglass, member of the Deaconess Commission of Boston, read selections from the eighth chapter of Matthew and the fifth chapter of Mark.

Miss Kempt, Deaconess, led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

Mrs. Fisk invited Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson to preside over this session.

Phases of the Deaconess Work, illustrated by incidents given by visiting, evangelistic, and nurse Deaconesses reflected the lights and shadows of real life as expressed by Miss Morris, Miss Miner, Miss Whitehead, and Miss Leonard.

The Rev. W. T. Perrin, D. D., President, and Mr. Theo. A. Hildreth, Secretary of the New England Deaconess Association, were invited to seats on the platform.

Dr. Perrin extended to the Convention a welcome not voiced by others, and spoke of his great admiration for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and mentioned with pride the fact that two missionaries now in Africa were graduated from the Boston institution.

Miss Ida Benson, superintendent of the Maine Deaconess Home, told of the origin and progress of the work, of their new building and its debt, and offered to the Convention through Mrs. Anna M. Onstott a biscuit quilt made by the girls in the Italian School, to be sold to name a room.

Miss Jesse E. Arbuckle, superintendent of the Home in New Haven, Conn., spoke of the various organizations cared for through the Home established there, and Mrs. Robinson paid a tribute to Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, who has done so much to make the work in New Haven possible.

The Rev. E. O. Thayer represented the Home at Barre, Vt.

Mrs. H. K. Sanborn, of Melrose, rendered most beautifully the soul-inspiring hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

In the absence of Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Secretary of the Bureau for the Supervision of the Colored Deaconess Work, Mrs. M. C. B. Mason spoke effectively for her people. (See Report.)

The Pacific Coast was represented by Mrs. John Stevens, Secretary of the Bureau, who gave no note of discouragement. (See Report.)

Dr. E. R. Willis, superintendent of the San Francisco Training School, was stricken with illness on his returning from the Oregon Conference,

and Mrs. Willis, who, as California Conference Secretary, would have been at this meeting, had gone to nurse her husband.

Mrs. J. W. Bush and Dr. C. W. Gallagher were appointed by Mrs. Robinson to write a letter of cheer and sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Willis.

After Mrs. J. W. Bush, Secretary of the Western Deaconess Bureau, presented the report of the work under her supervision, an especial greeting was sent by the Convention and deaconesses assembled to Miss Neiderheiser, superintendent of Fisk Training School. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Secretary of the Eastern Deaconess Bureau, represented eleven Homes and about one hundred deaconesses. She referred with motherly pride to the baby Deaconess Home at Wilmington, Del.

Miss Bancroft said she wished it were possible for the ladies to visit the night school at Philadelphia and see the splendid work done there. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. J. F. Mund, of Cleveland, Ohio, successor to and chosen by Mrs. D. A. Minard as Secretary of the Central Deaconess Bureau, submitted report, which was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. B. S. Potter represented the Utah Deaconess Home. (See Report.)

Mrs. C. W. Bickley was asked to write a letter to Mrs. E. H. Utley, of the Pittsburg Conference, who had been quite ill.

The Doxology was sung, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Dr. C. W. Gallagher.

FRIDAY EVENING.

THE session opened with a service of song, followed by the Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. W. E. Huntingdon, D. D., president of the Boston University.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Bodkin, and adopted.

In an address, "A Boston Retrospect," Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson added to the historic riches of Boston the fact that nineteen years since the Deaconess Organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society had its birth in a meeting held in Tremont Street Church. She spoke of the personality of the leaders of the Society at that period, women beautiful and gracious, and rejoiced that God is still good to us in giving worthy successors of such women.

Grateful mention was made of the generous donors who had made our national training schools possible and of the wise management of these local boards, and how, through the continuous efforts of the Train-

ing School Conference Managers all were growing up into a strong form of service. In closing, she appealed for gifts and bequests to the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

In presenting Mrs. Robinson with some beautiful American Beauty roses, Mrs. Bush said, that while all had not followed her in her service of nineteen years in the Deaconess Work, all had caught the fragrance of these years.

Mrs. Robinson briefly thanked the ladies for this expression of love.

In speaking of "The Call of the Future," Miss Bertha Fowler said, that we are living in two worlds, *one what is,* and *one what is worth while,* and that the last is where the Church of Christ lives. The Church, facing such problems as never before, such opportunities as were never offered before, never so appreciated the value of its womanhood. The Deaconess Movement had passed the period of experiment and now stood ready to solve the problems of the down-town districts of our cities, which the down-town Churches had vacated. The Deaconess was the messenger to the people of these sections, her service being to the poor, the ignorant, the sick. Many more young women were needed for this service, and she besought those present to see if God was not saying to them, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

In making the eighteenth annual report of Deaconess Work, Miss Henrietta Bancroft, superintendent, presented the following facts. The work which, eighteen years ago, was practically a new work in the Church, has been tested and not found wanting.

Through the close supervision of five Bureau Secretaries, who report the Homes under their care to the General Superintendent, the details of the service and needs in the various cities and towns from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada far down into the Southern States, are presented and cared for. As the General Conference of 1896 endorsed the Woman's Home Missionary Society as one of the agencies for Deaconess Work, the *duty* of going forward to possess the land as rapidly as workers and funds would permit was laid upon us. We are able to report to-day as Deaconesses, Deaconess Probationers, and Students, over five hundred; about $680,000 worth of property, three national training schools, and several local training schools, all attaining great success.

A gift of splendid chrysanthemums, with choice words of appreciation and love, were given Miss Bancroft on behalf of the Deaconesses present by Miss Kirstine Peterson, to which Miss Bancroft made a gracious response.

The report of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School by the President, the Rev. C. W. Gallagher, D. D., was a practical description of the work of the institution. He thought this institution, with its beautiful building and the homelike hospital attached, should be a source of pride to every

woman in the Society. He said: There are eight resident teachers, with about twenty lecturers, who are giving its students fuller and better preparation for the Deaconess work. Oue hundred and fifty graduates in Bible study have gone out into service, and seventy-five graduates in nurse training, five of whom are in charge of important hospital work. Many others have gone out into more general service.

There is a constant demand for more workers and more young women with holy aspirations, more scholarships to help such, more money, more bequests, and more prayers that God's blessing may remain upon their work.

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Gallagher.

SATURDAY MORNING.

EXCURSIONS in the interest of the work were the order of the day. At 9.30 a visit was made to the new Deaconess Hospital with its complete equipment.

The Hull Street Settlement Work was reached in time for a clinic in the Medical Department, where the maimed and diseased waifs, dejected men, and suffering foreign mothers come seeking comfort and help. During the year 10,655 patients received the ministrations of this Good Samaritan institution.

East Boston Immigrant Home, once a saloon, now a haven of refuge for the stranger, where about five hundred lodgings were given during the year, was an object lesson of special interest to the delegates and visitors.

SUNDAY MORNING.

THE impressive service at St. Mark Church marked an hour of worship never to be forgotten, the Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, D. D., pastor, preaching the anniversary sermon from the theme, "The Rich Man and Lazarus," and proving that the unpardonable sin which this parable portrays in black letters is the sin of selfish isolation.

Washington Gladden's beautiful hymn,

"O Master, let us walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free,"

was sung in conclusion.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

MRS. CLINTON B. FISK presided over the Convention of Young Women. "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was sung. The King's Daughters' Psalm (the forty-fifth) was read by Miss Ella Chadwick, and prayer was offered by Miss Winetta Stacks.

Greetings were given by Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Albright, and Mrs. Robertson.

A pleasing solo was rendered by Mr. Hugh Campbell, of Newton, Mass.

A Missionary Symposium was participated in by Mrs. Nasmyth, Miss Mitchell, and Miss Lake.

Mrs. R. H. Young Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, delighted the young people with her account of reindeer work. Since Dr. Sheldon Jackson conceived the idea of helping the natives by importing reindeer from Siberia, and confiding the care of the herds to the different mission stations, Mrs. Young has been trying to get a herd for the Woman's Home Missionary Society Mission at Sinuk, near Nome. Last week she had the great joy of going to Washington to sign the contract which loans a herd to Sinuk.

Mr. Gary, of Melrose, Mass., then favored the large audience with a vocal solo.

Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary for Young People's Work, in eloquent and inspiring words, told of the twenty thousand girls all over the land who are trying to live up to their beautiful name of "Queen Esthers" by gladly sharing with others the good things that they have received.

The Rev. George F. Durgin, Cambridge, Mass., Secretary, and editor of the *Epworth League* for the first General Conference Division, spoke as follows: "The civil settlement of our country covers about three centuries, about ten generations. The changes of social relationship have been made with such kaleidoscopic rapidity that each generation has had a new perspective of life, has had a constantly changing vision of opportunity and obligation. A whole world of history lies between the 'Name and fame of the Puritan maiden Priscilla' and the Christian young women before whom I stand this hour.

"Priscilla's perspective had in its range only two important facts, her love and the safety of the little colony. And whether you view her from the selfish or from the altruistic standpoint, the very best choice could possibly make was to have

"'The stalwart Miles Standish marching steadily northward,' to 'Be a fighter of battles, and a lover and wooer of dangers,' and to have John Alden speak for himself—and for her.

"To-day we sit not so very far from where Miles Standish 'came

to an Indian encampment pitched on the edge of a meadow, between the sea and the forest.' And instead of 'Women at work by their tents, and warriors horrid with war paint,' we find ourselves in the Golden Age of American womanhood.

"The Christian young woman's vision *now* must take an unbroken horizon. She may see life no longer through a vista. She lives in the midst of a world. Hers is not a future of which to dream. She has a mighty present which throbs with a vitality of both love and danger. The two dominant factors are the same in her life as with the Maiden of Plymouth. We are safe so long as love controls the young womanhood of our land. Countless dangers beset her pathway. Accompanying this fact is the other, that unnumbered privileges have come to her. She is no longer dependent on lover or warrior. Whether selfish or altruistic she may choose, properly, to have both Miles Standish and John Alden away—hunting Indians, or some other maiden.

"But there is one fact in which she may not choose. With Priscilla the interests of love and warfare were one and the same; her safety and the perpetuation of the little colony were identical. So it is to-day. No woman may now live to herself. And more than that, with her emancipation and her enthronement she bears the obligation for the salvation of the world. On this platform, during the past week, Bishop Mallalieu declared: 'God expects more of you American women than He expects of any other women on the face of the earth.' And he coupled with this the other statement: 'If this country is not kept fast anchored to the throne of God, then farewell to this country and farewell to the world.' If this world is to be saved by America, this world is to be saved by American womanhood. Every thoughtful man looks with no little apprehension to the fast and thoughtless throng, and with prayerful optimism to the splendid company of devout young women in the Church of Jesus Christ. The larger and stronger a Young Woman's Home Missionary Society can be made the safer is our church, our Christianity, and our Republic. Men in commerce and society must finally be what women demand, and the world is being made by that demand to-day as never before. The young women of to-morrow will decide the destiny of nations and the immortality of millions.

"We have come through a quarter of a century of Idealism. Idealism has had the platform and the pulpit, the forum and the press until the vision of youth of America has overleaped the present practical profit in pursuit of the fulfillment of fancy's dream. There is a grave necessity of calling down the vision of Christian prospect to the immediate Christian practice.

"I have the honor to speak for the Epworth League, the organization that more quickly and more generally touched the life of the denomination than had any other up to the time of its coming. The

order that has occasioned more petting and courting, that has called forth from the Church more interest and love, more anxiety and care than has any other movement in our denominational history, that splendid banding of the most magnificent young people in the world, the Epworth League.

"I yield to no one in appreciation of and loyalty to this goodly band of young people. But may I speak of its weakness and not be too much open to criticism. If there is one pre-eminent weakness in the Epworth League it is this, that for eighteen years it has been molly-coddled and now it needs the big stick. The time has come when its swaddling clothes should be put away. It should now take a working equipment and assume the responsibility of its age and position. The time has come when the Church should give less attention to this child, and this child should begin to give attention to the community. The local Chapter ought no longer to be an occasion of burden to the pastor or of anxiety to the Church. It ought to be a vital, aggressive, leading part of the practical working of the Church for the salvation of the community. The reason for weakness lies in this, that the organization has been surfeited with idealism. The Epworth League has been taught to look up more than it has been taught to lift up.

"There can be no successful upward lifting unless there be devout upward looking. But the opposite truth needs as much emphasis—there can be no successful upward looking unless there be devout upward lifting. I am happy to report for New England a transition attitude. The Epworth League is rapidly changing its leadership to a younger generation, and from every quarter of our territory comes the glad news that something is doing, other than prayer meetings and mission study. The indications are that the prayer meeting and the mission study are at last getting hold of the conscience and are directing the activities—using the abilities and the energies for immediate service.

"We need another change. Charity in the form of gifts is having an increasing expression of our generosity of heart and of the ability of the American pocketbook. It seems to me that there is a new emphasis of the call for charity to ally itself with the oppressed in their very fight for a chance to live. There is a desperate need that something be done in this land besides the administration of gifts. Millions of money and barrels of good things are Heaven's own blessing to the poor and to the workers among the poor. But something ought to be done, in this rich land of ours, with the agencies that make people poor.

"It is our business to rescue the bruised traveler, but it is also our business to go down on the road to Jericho and put the thieves out of business. We have a perfect right to criticise the government and pity the oppressed, but we have also an obligation to put the bad government out of office. It is our Christian duty to help the drunkard's wife or widow, child or orphan, but it is our obligation to put the drunk-

ard maker where he can do no more of his devilish work. It is our privilege to curse the liquor-license system, but it is our obligation to withhold influence and support and votes from man or party who will perpetuate the licensing of intoxication, debauchery, crime, and hell. It is our splendid privilege to bind up the wounds, pour in the healing oil, pay the hotel bills, and to build hospitals, but it is our obligation to fight. 'And he that hath none, let him sell his cloak and buy a sword.' Let him unclothe himself and throw himself into another's fight for life.

"Two days ago I sat in this auditorium and saw that splendid display of one branch of the activities of your honored Society. This platform was filled with a noble band of Deaconesses, other than whom there are no more heroic and successful servants of the Christ in the Church, like unto whom the world has no equal. Not only do they carry your message of love and our tribute of relief, but they take the sunshine of our hearts and the spirit of your consecration, as a society, into the dark places of suffering. Not only do they carry your relief, but I am very sure that they carry conviction, and though no man may write the history or trace the influence, while they evolve comfort for the oppressed and salvation for the personal sinner, they are also sowing the seed of a revolution in the civic and social relations of men that shall help to equalize humanity.

"Our American life is fevered by the degeneracy of the Puritan element, by the inundation of the incoming millions, by the unreadiness of the Church to cope with the problems of the changing conditions; there is danger of blood poisoning. To-day, for American life and health, the Woman's Home Missionary Society is the salt of the earth.

"Darkness has crept in upon us, crime increases, graft grows, the storm cloud settles down very close upon us—*we* are in danger. It gets darker and darker, see it flash, hear it roll, we *are* in danger. Scattered over this broad land as you are, lighted by the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, by the life which is a knowledge of God and Jesus whom He sent, illuminated yourselves, you, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, are the light of the world.

"New England has become a mission field. Our remnant Puritanism is not altogether awake to the fact. Once we had excellent exclusive family churches. Once the Church was the center of love and interests of the whole community. Once the multitude came to the sanctuary. Once its altars drew the people to worship. Circumstances have changed conditions. The attitude of the Church needs changing. The people do not love a particular Church as once they did. They do not gather about its altars as formerly. It is not the center of the active life of the community any longer. We are a migrating people. There is a lessening citizenship in New England. The Protestant Church, urban or rural, may not again very soon, as it formerly did, crown the hillside or

adorn the village green, and in silent dignity command the community to enter its doors at the sound of its bell.

"Of all New England history, her Church history is most thrilling. But conditions have changed. There needs a change of vision. We need to be led to take our eyes off a splendid past and to put them on an urgent present. We need to turn from history to opportunity. The Church will stand, not as a call to worship only, but as a token, a station, an agency for the outpouring service to the community. We greatly need that the Church of Christ shall be as a power-house for influence, a starting out place for personal work, an armory of equipment, a bank distributing center, the place from which God shall be carried to the people who most need Him.

"The Woman's Home Misionary Society has set the pace and marked the pathway for this very condition of service. Your memorable convention in our midst will give to us the vision we need for the solution of our problem.

"Methodism has made a history of which to be proud in New England. Our fathers left us a rich heritage, the result of their personal self-denial, sacrifice, and service, into which we have entered with gladness. We need some stimulus. I should state this need in four parts: We, as Methodists, need a new optimistic vision of ourselves, a renewed consciousness of our connectionalism, a more loyal faith in and fidelity to Methodist ideals and standards, and an open sympathy with the compassion that goes out to save the lost.

"Thus, I have briefly tried to suggest our condition and our problem. Let me much more briefly suggest its settlement. In a democracy, problems are settled, questions are answered, and conditions are changed finally by public opinion, and public opinion is conserved to righteousness by a devout and consecrated minority. For nearly two centuries from the day of Priscilla the pulpit held the place of this minority, and as the oracle of Jehovah it made public opinion. Then came the great newspaper, in the hands of Horace Greely and like men, and their great editorials molded public opinion and sanctified the minority. Pulpit and press have removed from this sacred office, and to-day the minority is in little bands of men and women who each stand for some phase of the truth and righteousness of God's advancing kingdom of men.

"Among these none is greater and more effective than the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And for to-morrow none shall do a greater work than the two organizations for which I speak to-day.

"Wed the Queen Esther Circle to the Epworth League, not organically, but sympathetically. Each shall stand for its own Providential task. The Epworth League shall raise and equip a new church in every community, and the Queen Esther Circle, with the nation and the de-

nomination for its province, shall take the men and the munitions of our holy war, raised by the Epworth League, and go out to meet every incoming foe of our civilization and our Christ. The two shall make a valiant band, for the work is one. And you, Matrons, shall look down from Glory with pride upon a succession of your successful work and workers, and this land of ours, from the 'Hub' to the utmost circumference, shall be covered as the waters cover the sea, with the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY EVENING.

MRS. CLINTON B. FISK, the President, presided over the Anniversary exercises. Rev. Lucius H. Bugbée led the responsive Scripture lesson and offered prayer.

After a finely rendered anthem by the quartet of St. Mark Church, Mrs. Fisk in introducing the speaker of the evening paid a tribute to the fidelity and ability of Mrs. B. S. Potter, the efficient Secretary of the Bureau for Utah.

Mrs. Potter's address embraced a comprehensive review of the Society's history and a stirring account of the work carried on by the 92,000 women and 24,000 young people. Every heart was touched by her earnest appeal on behalf of the 450,000 children in our country working at mechanical pursuits and the cry of souls, souls to save, will inspire to continued consecrated effort. (See Address.)

"America" was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, D.D.

MONDAY MORNING.

THE session was opened by the singing of "A charge to keep I have." Mrs. Margaret C. Alspaugh read selections from the books of Esther, Matthew, and Revelations and led in earnest prayer.

Mrs. Albright read the minutes of Friday evening session, which were adopted.

Mrs. Williams presented the following telegram from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in session at Springfield, Illinois: "Greetings to our co-workers in Christ Jesus, second epistle of John, third verse."

A rising vote of appreciation was called for and Mrs. Williams requested to make reply to the telegram.

Mrs. Fisk expressed the regret of Mrs. Mary Fisk Park in not being able to be present in the Convention, and on motion was requested to convey to Mrs. Park the love and appreciation of the ladies and their regret at her absence.

Mrs. Fisk stated that the sudden illness of Mrs. F. C. Morgan on her arrival in Boston had prevented her attendance at the meeting. A rising vote was taken as an expression of sympathy, and Mrs. Holmes requested to convey to Mrs. Morgan the kindly wishes of the Convention for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of the Board of Trustees be appointed to consider any changes in the Constitution that are necessary and to bring the Constitution and By-laws of the Society into harmony, such changes to be published in *Woman's Home Missions* three months previous to, and to be acted on at, the next Annual Meeting.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Enrollment was submitted by Mrs. D. M. Bailey, Chairman, and accepted, showing that the representation included three General Officers, two Vice-Presidents, two Honorary Vice-Presidents, eleven Managers, three Associate Managers, sixteen Bureau Secretaries, two Chairmen of Standing Committees on Homes, two Chairmen of Standing Committees, one Editor, one Publisher, eight General Organizers, two Reserve Organizers, sixty-four Conferences, forty-seven Conference Corresponding Secretaries, fifty-one Delegates, twenty-nine Delegates from Young People's Work, three Missionaries, eleven Deaconesses, fourteen Delegates from Deaconess or Industrial Homes, one hundred and twenty-three visitors.

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Detroit.—Mrs. W. W. Robinson,* Mrs. J. W. Price,† Mrs. Fannie M. Cummings, Mrs. H. S. Earle, Mrs. G. R. Sharr, Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, visitor.
East Maine.—Mrs. J. W. Price,† Rec. C. H. Johnette, Mrs. C. H. Johnette, visitors.

* The names of Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences are noted by an asterisk, the names of delegates by a dagger; delegates from Industrial or Deaconess Homes by a double dagger; Young People's delegates by a section.

East Ohio.—Mrs. N. H. Nason,* Mrs. G. H. Stebbins,† Mrs. W. M. Reese,§ Miss Laura Morris, Deaconess, Mrs. G. H. Foster, Mrs. Frank Gregg, visitors.

Erie.—Mrs. Anna M. Poppino.*

Genesee.—Mrs. H. R. Williams,* Mrs. J. W. Mitchell,† Mrs. Geo. S. Searle,§ Mrs. E. S. Turney,‡ Mrs. Daniel Smith, visitor.

Holston.—Mrs. J. C. Biddle.†

Illinois.—Mrs. S. A. Bullard,* Mrs. H. S. Haywood.†

Indiana.—Mrs. C. R. Jones,* Mrs. Alfred Stratford,† Miss Estelle E. Glossbrunner.§

Iowa.—Mrs. M. M. Gobble,† Miss Mary C. Jackson, Deaconess.

Kansas.—Mrs. Carrie E. Cope,* Mrs. E. L. Knostman.†

Lexington.—Mrs. Annie Stanley.†

Little Rock.—Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth.‡

Louisiana.—Mrs. Helen L. Payne.†

Maine.—Mrs. Annie Onstott,* Miss Flora V. Lord,† Mrs. J. E. Fisher,§ Mrs. A. T. Craig,‡ Miss E. M. Jones, Mrs. H. Benson, Deaconesses, Mrs. Geo. R. Palmer, Mrs. Sarah M. Kimball, Mrs. E. C. Chase, visitors.

Michigan.—Mrs. Levi Masters,* Miss Nellie Chase.†

Minnesota.—Mrs. G. F. Jennings,* Mrs. A. W. Dunning.‡

Nebraska.—Mrs. Leslie Stevens,* Mrs. S. E. Miller,† Mrs. M. J. States,§ Mrs. C. C. White, visitor.

Newark—Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward,* Mrs. Emeline C. McNaughton,† Mrs. Mayme T. Rice,‡ Miss Gladys L. Chambers,§ Mrs. Cornelia C. Steever.

New England.—Mrs. S. W. Floyd,* Mrs. W. F. Andrews,† Miss Edith K. Doten,§ Mrs. W. S. Clark, Mrs. G. O. Crosby, Mrs. R. F. Frost. Mrs. C. R. Ayres, Mrs. F. F. Pomeroy, Mrs. Newton Morgan, visitors.

New England Southern.—Mrs. A. W. Rogers,* Mrs. Eben Tirrell,† Mrs. M. F. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Page, Miss Mary E. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Sherman, visitors.

New Hampshire.—Mrs. E. B. Savage,* Mrs C. H. Farnsworth,† Miss Mary E. Waugh,§ Mrs. Benson P. Wilkins, visitor.

New Jersey.—Mrs. Wesley B. Stout,* Mrs. J. Allen,† Miss Anna Mosher,‡ Mrs. H. J. Zelley,§ Mrs. S. J. Turner, Mrs. M. S. Northrop, Mrs. H. S. Miner, Mrs. L. P. Hyatt, Mrs. G. D. Vandenbergh, Mrs. E. West, Mrs. William N. Steward, Mrs. B. F. Archer, Mrs. J. S. Hackett, Mrs. S. Keene, Mrs. Ida Anchor, visitors.

New York.—Mrs. Philip M. Waters,* Mrs. Samuel Williams,† Mrs. Annette Schreder,‡ Mrs. C. F. Fraim,§ Miss Alma E. Matthews, missionary, Mrs. T. H. Baragwanath, Miss Boddington, Mrs. Wm. J. Still, Mrs. John Gorham, Miss Herminia Leonard, visitors.

New York East.—Mrs. Lillie Leonard Slack,* Mrs. W. A. Richards,† Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle,‡ Miss Ella M. Chadwick,§ Miss S. M. Blackman, Deaconess, Mrs. Lyman Law, Miss Phoebe Blakeslee, Mrs. H. Cooper, Mrs. S. Kedzie, Mrs. Alfred Hodgetts, Miss Abbie Hodgetts, Mrs. C. W. Strang, visitors.

North Indiana.—Mrs. A. B. Cline,* Mrs. J. C. Murray,† Miss Olla G. Davis.§

North Ohio.—Mrs. M. W. Reece,* Mrs. H. W. Cary.†

Northern Minnesota.—Mrs. Samuel M. Disk.†

Northwest Indiana.—Mrs. D. M. Wood.*

Northern New York.—Mrs. A. C. Danforth,* Mrs. C. L. Peck,† Mrs. W. W. Caldwell,§ Mrs. J. S. Cutler, Mrs. Margaret Stairs, Mrs. I. L. Hunt, Mrs. J. P. Lewis, Mrs. J. S. Dunbar, Miss Alice A. Dunbar, Mr. Peter Kashararoff, Miss Bertha Flesher, visitors.

Ohio.—Mrs. E. W. Seeds,* Mrs. Thos. Evans,† Miss Alice Stevenson,§ Miss Ella Ely, visitor.

Oregon.—Mrs. Osmon Royal,* Mrs. Geo. D. Stackpole,† Miss Florence M. Stackpole, Osmon Royal, Jr., visitors.

Philadelphia.—Mrs. W. L. Brown,† Mrs. D. Dailey, Jr.,‡ Mrs. J. A. Hudson,§ Miss Bertha Fowler, Miss Frances Liming, Miss E. Herbert, Deaconesses; Miss Winetta L. Stacks, Miss Anna Palen, Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Mrs. M. E. Clark, Mrs. E. Summer, Mrs. E. Fleck, Mrs. E. B. McCombs, Mrs. W. Rudolph, Mrs. D. W. Gordon, Mrs. M. A. Taylor, Mrs. M. M. Sprowles, Miss Ellen Hooper Randolph, visitors.

Pittsburg.—Mrs. Charles L. Miller,† Mrs. H. F. Dinger,§ Mrs. W. R. Kunz, visitor.

Puget Sound.—Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary for Young People's Work.

Rock River.—Mrs. Chas. L. Weaver,* Mrs. A. P. Hubbell,† Mrs. R. W. Salter,§ Mrs. T. C. Warrington, Missionary, Mrs. R. H. Dolliver, Miss Edith Thompson, Miss Elizabeth Evans, visitor.

St. Louis.—Mrs. J. A. Brubaker,* Mrs. W. O. Miller,† Miss Nellie R. Foster,§ Mr. Jno. W. Bush, visitor.

Southern California.—Mrs. P. H. Bodkin,* Mrs. S. S. Holmes, visitor.

Southern Illinois.—Mrs. D. P. Moore,* Miss A. Vanell.†

Southwest Kansas.—Mrs. Nettie Tedrick,* Mrs. Fannie Lynch.†

Texas.—Miss Rose T. Robertson,‡ Superintendent of King Home.

Troy.—Mrs. M. B. Hutton,* Mrs. C. V. Grismer,† Mrs. John Duffield,§ Miss Mary E. Whitehead, Miss Matilda Vorpe, Miss Capitola Leohner, Miss Ida L. Lewis, Deaconesses; Mrs. Lord Burlington, Mrs. J. M. Bruns, Mrs. Chas. McKernon, Miss Cora M. Viall, Mrs. C. H. Carson, visitors.

Upper Iowa.—Mrs. Will Cannon,† Mr. W. D. Cannon, Jr., visitor.
Upper Mississippi.—Mrs. Griffin G. Logan.*
Vermont.—Mrs. E. A. Irish,* Mrs. W. E. S. Cellery.†
Washington.—Mrs. Annie R. Johnson,* Mrs. Fannie M. Clair,† Mrs. Chas. W. Brow, Mrs. Sarah B. Holmes, Mrs. Eliza J. Cummings, visitors.
West Virginia.—Mrs. Leota Wilson,† Miss Elva R. Anderson.§
West Wisconsin.—Mrs. T. A. Shepherd.†
Wilmington.—Mrs. Emma L. Welden,* Miss Elizabeth C. Shepard,† Miss M. Grace Quigg,§ Mrs. N. W. Browne, Mrs. J. B. Quigg, Mrs. A. W. Quigg, Miss Saulsbury, Mrs. H. Pickels, Mrs. E. F. Shilling, Mrs. M. E. Voshell, Mrs. F. B. Harvey, Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Mrs. Julia Weaver, visitors.
Wisconsin.—Mrs. A. J. Benjamin,* Mrs. H. J. Hinkamp.†
Wyoming.—Mrs. D. L. Rhone,* Mrs. C. J. Wescott,† Mrs. A. D. Preston,§ Mrs. Mary D. Derr, Rev. J. C. Lacock, Mrs. J. C. Lacock, Mrs. S. S. Hards, Mrs. A. C. Deishimer, visitors.

The question arose as to whether a substitute for the chairman of a committee or a delegate was entitled to a vote, and Mrs. Williams read Section five, Article III, of the Constitution, showing that no provision has been made for the vote of substitutes.

A discussion as to the difference between General Organizers and Reserve Organizers terminated in a vote declaring the office to be the same.

At 10 A. M. the President vacated the chair in favor of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, First Vice-President, who conducted the election. By request of Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. L. G. Murphy led the Convention in earnest prayer that Divine wisdom might guide the Society in the choice of its officers.

On motion it was ordered that whenever the Chairman of Tellers should be ready to report a ballot, that other business cease, the report be heard, and another ballot be taken. A motion offered by Mrs. Williams that the two persons having the highest number of votes for any office be considered the candidates for that office was adopted.

The Chairman stated the number of persons entitled to vote to be one hundred and seventy-six.

Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward was appointed head teller and the following ladies authorized to act as tellers during the election: Mrs. D. B. Street, Mrs. L. L. Slack, Mrs. A. H. Bodkin, Mrs. Carrie F. Cope, Mrs. W. W. Robinson, Mrs. Leslie Stevens, Mrs. C. F. France, Mrs. S. J. Turner, Mrs. R. A. Dolliver.

The informal ballot for President was ordered.

Pending the return of the tellers, Mrs. G. S. Coleman, of Boston, President of the Baptist Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Chair-

man of the Eastern Interdenominational Committee for Home Mission Conferences, was introduced. Mrs. Coleman expressed her happiness in greeting the ladies and urged that as many as possible attend the Conference on Home Missions to be held next July, probably at Northfield, Mass.

Mrs. I. L. Hunt gave an interesting account of the Italian Mission in Utica, N. Y., for the help of the seventeen thousand Italians now resident in that city. The work is small, employing at present but one deaconess and a kindergartner, but they have in expectation the organization of an Italian Church by the pastor of the city and a most hopeful outlook for the enlargement of the work.

Mrs. Dillon Brown was introduced and made a stirring appeal for Home Missions.

The very serious illness of Miss F. V. Russell, of Boston, who for nineteen years has been the faithful, efficient principal at Browning Home, was announced by Mrs. Albright, and a telegram was ordered sent Miss Russell expressive of the love felt for her and their prayer for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Lavender reported the organization of the Central Swedish Conference with two hundred and fifty members. Mrs. Nasmyth spoke of her people, the Swedish, as slow but unwavering, and expressed the desire of those resident in Chicago for the establishment of a Swedish Immigrant Girls' Home, closing with an earnest plea for an appropriation of $200 to begin its establishment.

Mrs. Piatt, of California, spoke of a new work among the Finns who came to the coast without Church affiliations and asked for an appropriation of $100, to aid in the support of the night school and sewing school which they had already organized.

Mrs. Woodward, Chairman of Tellers, announced the informal ballot for President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 175; Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, 108; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 61; scattering, 6. Mrs. Fisk and Mrs. Robinson were declared the nominees for the office of President, and the formal ballot was ordered.

The report of Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Chairman of Committee on Day of Prayer, who was unable to be present, was read by Mrs. W. F. Robertson and accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Woodward announced the formal ballot for President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 173; Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, 110; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 63. Mrs. Fisk was declared elected and Mrs. Robinson escorted her to the platform and graciously introduced her to the Convention.

Mrs. Fisk thanked the ladies for their confidence and pledged her best effort to help make this the most successful year in the history of the Society.

Mrs. Woodruff presented Mrs. Fisk with a beautiful bouquet of roses, who in accepting them spoke of the happy but sad memories they brought of one who always made her pathway bright with flowers.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung, and the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair.

The devotional service was in charge of Mrs. M. W. Clair. Hymn 317 was sung, after which the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians was read and prayer offered by Mrs. Clair.

The minutes of the previous session were submitted by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

Mrs. Robinson was called to the chair and the election of officers continued. The ballot for the nomination of First Vice-President was ordered.

Mrs. Hilda M. Nasmyth, Superintendent of Adeline M. Smith Home, spoke on the work of the Home and its progress during the year past.

The ballot for the nomination of First Vice-President was reported by Mrs. Woodward as follows: Total number of votes cast, 159; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 149; Mrs. William Christie Herron, 7; scattering, 3. On motion the nomination of Mrs. Robinson was made unanimous and she was declared elected. Mrs. Robinson thanked the Convention and asked their hearty co-operation in the work of the Society.

Mrs. Fisk addressed the meeting, telling of her first election as the President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and after thanking the delegates for the continued evidence of their confidence, expressed her purpose not to permit her name to come again before the Convention for the presidency of the Society.

Miss Rose Robertson, Superintendent of King Home, described the work of the Home and gave interesting details of its good results. Mrs. Woodward reported the ballot for the nomination of the Second Vice-President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 164; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, 98; Mrs. W. C. Herron, 46; scattering, 20. Mrs. McCabe was declared elected and a telegram ordered sent her informing her of her election.

The ballot for the nomination of Third Vice-President was ordered.

The ballot for the nomination of Fourth Vice-President was ordered.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, assembled in Annual Meeting in Brookline, Mass., peti-

tions the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to meet in Baltimore, May 1st, 1908, to enact a law providing that the president of the auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in each Church shall be eligible to membership in the Quarterly Conference of that Church.

Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers was called upon to speak on the subject of a simple plan for the election of officers for the Society. After discussion of several plans, on motion of Mrs. Herron a committee, consisting of Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. S. J. Turner, and Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward, was appointed to prepare a plan of election and report to the Board of Trustees.

The ballot for the nomination of Third Vice-President was reported by Mrs. Woodward as follows: Total number of votes cast, 159; Mrs. William Christie Herron, 145; scattering, 14. Mrs. Herron was declared elected.

Mrs. Woodward reported the ballot for the nomination of Fourth Vice-President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 148; Mrs. John M. Walden, 112; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 10; scattering, 26. Mrs. Walden was declared elected.

The ballot was ordered for the nomination of Fifth Vice-President. The ballot was ordered for the nomination of Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Annette Schveder, Superintendent of the Watts De Peyster Home, was introduced and described the life and work of the Home.

Mrs. Woodward reported the ballot for the nomination of Fifth Vice-President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 151; Mrs. Charles H. Fowler, 114; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 13; scattering, 24. Mrs. Fowler was declared elected and Mrs. E. M. Foster was requested to send a telegram to Mrs. Fowler informing her of her election.

The tellers reported through Mrs. Woodward the ballot for the nomination of Corresponding Secretary as follows: Total number of votes cast, 158; Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, 144; scattering, 14. Mrs. Williams was declared elected, and being called on to speak, she thanked the Convention for this expression of confidence and urged all to co-operate in advancing the work of the Society during the coming year.

The ballot for the nomination of Recording Secretary was ordered. The ballot for the nomination of Treasurer was ordered.

The ballot for Recording Secretary was reported as follows by Mrs. Woodward: Total number of votes cast, 156; Mrs. F. A. Aiken, 145; scattering, 11. Mrs. Aiken was declared elected, and on motion of Mrs. Potter, a telegram was sent to her notifying her of her election.

Mrs. Woodward reported the ballot for nomination of Treasurer as follows: Total number of votes cast, 151; Mrs. George H. Thompson, 143; scattering, 8. Mrs. Thompson was declared elected.

The ballot for the nomination of Managers and Associate Managers was ordered.

The report of the ballot for Managers and Associate Managers is indicated on page 2 of the Annual Report.

Dr. Harriet J. Cooke, founder of the Boston Medical Mission, was introduced and spoke briefly of that work.

On motion of Mrs. Williams, Miss Martha Van Marter was elected as editor of *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* by acclamation.

Mrs. Thompson moved the election of Mrs. Mary Belle Evans as publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions.* Carried.

Miss Frances A. Fish was nominated and confirmed editor of the Annual Report.

Mrs. W. M. Ampt was elected Railroad Secretary.

The following were nominated and elected Auditors: Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Mrs. John M. Pattison, Mr. Richard Dymond, Mr. George B. Johnson.

The meeting adjourned until 9.15 A. M. Tuesday.

MONDAY EVENING.

ON Monday evening Mrs. Frederic McQuesten tendered a delightful reception to the Convention delegates and visitors, at her palatial home on Beacon Street, Brookline.

A most enjoyable feature of the evening was the singing of Mrs. Berta Cushing Child, who gave "Hills o' Skye," and Mrs. Beach's lovely "Scottish Cradle Song," and Miss M. Mabel Vella's sweet soprano solos, "If I Were a Voice" and "Consider the Lilies."

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE meeting was called to order at 9.15 by the President, with Mrs. Urbane Gillett, of Cincinnati Conference, in charge of the devotional service. Hymn 334 was sung and the 93d Psalm read. The representatives of the Colored Conferences were called to the platform, seven of whom responded, and sang with such pathos and melody, "Steal Away to Jesus" and "The Old-time Religion," that all hearts were melted.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Rogers, and adopted.

Mrs. C. S. Holmes brought a message from Mrs. C. F. Morgan, thanking the Convention for its expression of sympathy.

Mrs. G. E. Palen, Secretary of the Bureau for Georgia, gave an interesting account of the work under that Bureau, which evidenced that, notwithstanding their limited accommodations, large and successful work had been accomplished.

Mrs. Flora Mitchell, superintendent of Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga., followed with a plea for a new industrial building in connection with that work, and presented plans with an estimated cost of $25,000. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Marion F. Sanborn.

The report of the Bureau for Florida was given by the Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan. At every point of work there was a lack of room to accommodate those desiring to enter, but faithful work had been done, and the results were most gratifying. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. E. L. Albright, Secretary of the Bureau for East Central States, in making her report, stated that, owing to difficulties in the administration of the work at Simpson Home, Orangeburg, S. C., and the desirability of having all the work on the grounds of Claflin University under its control, the work of the Society at that point had been closed, and the furnishings and equipment transferred to the other homes in the Bureau. Attention was called to the value of our work among the colored people as shown in the later history of some of the graduates of these schools. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for West Central States, Mrs. T. Prescott Frost, Secretary, was read by Miss Edith Thompson. With the report the resignation of Mrs. Frost was offered, and the request made that Mrs. H. T. Dennis, of Detroit, should be elected in her stead. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Dennis was called to the platform and introduced.

A motion prevailed that greetings and an expression of regret at the resignation of Mrs. Frost be sent her.

Miss Potter, Dean of the Woman's College of Northwestern University, was introduced, and addressed the Convention briefly.

Mr. George O. Robinson was introduced, and spoke most encouragingly of the work of the Society.

A motion prevailed to resolve the Convention into a Committee of the Whole on Finance.

The Committee on Finance arose at the noon hour and, after a few moments spent in silent prayer, the hymn, "Forever Here My Rest Shall Be," was sung.

Miss Alma Matthews, of the Immigrant Home at New York, who, for ninteen years, had been meeting the steamers at that point and caring for thousands of girls and women, gave most interesting facts of that work, many of them showing the gratitude of those so helped for the impulse there received to seek the best things in their new life in this country.

Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers presented the following resolution: "*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this body that future meetings of the Board of Managers be limited to six days." Mrs. Rogers stated her reasons for offering the resolution, and it was, on motion, referred to the Board of Trustees for action.

The Doxology was sung, and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff in the chair. Hymn 35 was sung, and Mrs. Alspaugh led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Bodkin, and adopted.

In accordance with a resolution previously offered by Mrs. Bickley, the following ladies were appointed a committee to make the necessary changes to bring the Constitution and By-laws into harmony: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. Boswell, and Mrs. Bickley.

The report of the Bureau for West Southern States was given by the Secretary, Mrs. Irving French. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

In reporting the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence, the Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Alspaugh, expressed the opinion that, if tithing were practiced by the members of the Society, the Silver Offering would long since have been paid. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Katherine Bassett, Secretary of the Bureau for Reading Circles, stated, in making her report, that it was impossible to give the exact number of readers because of incomplete reports of Circles.

Mrs. Gerety, of the Colorado, and Mrs. W. W. Robinson, of the Detroit Conferences, were called to the platform, and the banner held by the Detroit Conference during the past year was transferred to the Colorado Conference.

Mrs. J. C. McDowell, Chairman of Committee on Temperance, made an encouraging report, which was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Katherine Lent Stevenson, President of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was introduced. Mrs. Stevenson proclaimed herself a Methodist by inheritance, and came bringing the greetings of the Massachusetts State Convention, which had just closed. She said the work of the two societies was identical, as both were working for the protection and preservation of the home, the center of the nation's life, which must be safeguarded, and the combating of the greatest enemy of the home—the liquor-traffic. That co-operation must be the keynote of the Christian Church, and all must unite in the prayer, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven." At the close of

the address, Mrs. Fisk gave expression to her feeling in a warm hand-clasp, and Mrs. Woodruff said that the ideal relations between the two societies would be reached when every Methodist woman who belonged to the Woman's Home Missionary Society wore the white ribbon and every Methodist woman who wore the white ribbon was a member of the Society.

One stanza of "O, think of the Home Over There" was sung.

Dr. Cooper, superintendent of the "Little Wanderers' Home," of Boston, was introduced and spoke briefly of his interest in our work.

Recognition Hour for Silver Offering having arrived, Mrs. Williams took the chair and announced Hymn 688, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Potter. Mrs. Williams called the roll of Conferences and they responded, the following Conferences had met their apportionment on a basis of $2.50 per member and received either flag or streamer, or both, as designated: California, Cincinnati, Delaware, East Ohio, Erie, Holston, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Philadelphia, West Virginia, Central Illinois, Central Missouri. Paid more than their apportionment: Alabama, Des Moines, Detroit, Lexington, Nebraska, Newark, New York, New York East, Northwest Indiana, Pittsburg, Rock River, Southern California, and Southwest Kansas. Pledged to pay balance of apportionment: Central New York, Central Ohio, Central Pennsylvania, Colorado, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, New England, New England Southern, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Indiana, Upper Iowa, Upper Mississippi, Wilmington, and Wyoming.

Mrs. Osmon Royal, Corresponding Secretary of the Oregon Conference, presented to view a diamond ring, which had been given in the raising of the Silver Offering of that Conference and which she had brought to this meeting with the wish that help might be given through it to the stricken California Conference. Subscriptions of $1 each were received from the Conferences to the amount of $50.

As the Secretaries, with their flags, were grouped about the platform, Mrs. Williams said we should thank God for the flag, for all it means to us as a Society and a nation. Dr. Cooper led in prayer, thanking God for the civil and religious protection of our flag, and for the sacred associations connected with it, and asking that as our soldiers defended it, so our women might uphold it. A most inspiring scene followed as the procession of Secretaries bearing their flags marched to the organ gallery, while the audience sang enthusiastically "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

Mrs. Fisk resumed the chair, and a telegram from Mrs. Aiken, accepting her re-election as Recording Secretary, was read, as follows: "Thanks, dear friends. Philippians, first chapter, third, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth verses."

A telegram from Mrs. McCabe, in response to a message informing

her of her re-election as Vice-President, read: "Thank you for the honor; read Zephaniah, third chapter, seventeenth verse."

A greeting to the Convention and a message for the Silver Offering hour, from Mrs. W. A. Goodman, was embodied in Hebrews, sixth chapter, eleventh verse.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, as Secretary of the Bureau for Porto Rico, gave a condensed report of that work. She stated that, when the George O. Robinson Orphanage was dedicated, the building and contents were free from debt. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on By-laws was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. C. W. Bickley. After discussion and the fixing of the date of the Annual Meeting on the third Wednesday of October, the report was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Dailey, as Chairman of the Committee on Place of Meeting, reported that invitations had been received from Philadelphia and Rockford, Ill. By a rising vote, the invitation to Rockford was accepted. (See minutes of Wednesday morning.)

Mr. John Bush, of Kansas City, was presented by Mrs. Fisk as a most loyal friend of the Society.

A meeting of the Committee on Finance was called for 9.30 Wednesday morning.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Bugbee, and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

THE President took the chair at 7.30 and announced the hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking," and Dr. Bronson led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson.

The Conference delegates representing Young People's Work were called to the platform and announced their Conferences to be as follows: Baltimore, Cincinnati, Central New York, Genesee, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, New York East, North Indiana, Ohio, Philadelphia, Rock River, St. Louis, Troy, and Wilmington.

Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work, reported that during the year the 18,000 young women in the Queen Esther Circles and Young Women's Societies had brought into the treasury of the Society nearly $27,000, a large increase over previous years. There had been also a large increase in the number of Circles—from 885 to 975. Next year a prize will be given to the Conference which has the largest proportionate increase in membership and dues. A prize will also be given the Circle which, sending a report of its increase in membership and dues, shall be judged by a special committee to have made the

largest advance in the general work of the Society. The Conference flag, won last year by the East Ohio Conference, was awarded the Pittsburg Conference, they having raised $2,221.99, and the transfer was made by Mrs. Nason, who expressed the wish that it might be to the Pittsburg Conference as much of an inspiration as it had been to the East Ohio. The Circle Banner left Washington, on the Atlantic coast, for Pasadena, on the Pacific coast, the Queen Esther Circle of that place having raised the largest amount of money, $326.87. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels was given by Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Secretary, who said that, while it was impossible to measure in dollars and cents the value of the work done in these younger organizations in developing character and getting into practical touch with real mission work "for the love of Christ and in His name," some statistics could be given. From 388 companies of Home Guards $725.50 had been received in dues; 678 Jewel Bands had paid $1,751.77. For Student Aid $3,555.98 had been raised; $768.14 for other special work; $284.29 for Silver Birthday Fund,—making the grand total received from our boys and girls, $7,545.23. The red ribbon, for the greatest per cent gain in Jewel membership, was awarded the Oregon Conference; the white ribbon, for the greatest per cent gain in contributions to the General Fund, was awarded the Erie Conference; the blue ribbon, for the greatest per cent increase in Student Aid, was awarded the Iowa Conference; the Home Guard Banner, for greatest per cent gain in membership, was awarded the Vermont Conference; the silk flag, for the greatest total amount contributed, was won by the Rock River Conference, and that for the greatest per cent of gain was won by the Cincinnati Conference. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

"Work in the Field" was reported by Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary of Young People's Work. The active work of the year had covered ten months, in which time twelve Conferences had been visited. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

A beautiful solo, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was rendered by Mrs. Isabella Ramsdell.

"America's Reception to the Nations Under Our Flag," an excellent showing of the varied work of our Society, prepared by Mrs. Charles W. Gallagher, was presented by young people of the city and delegation. This entertainment, of a patriotic character, was a miscellaneous treat, at once amusing, pathetic, and instructive,—all combining to show the special conditions and needs of the peoples among whom our missions have been established.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung by the large audience, and the meeting adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Gallagher.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with a service of song and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

A letter from Mrs. Newhall, thanking the ladies for their letter of sympathy and the gift of flowers to Dr. Newhall, was read by Mrs. Albright.

The Convention resolved itself into the Committee on Finance for the transaction of a few items of finance, after which the Committee adjourned.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

The President introduced to the Convention, Dr. Leonard, presiding elder of Lynn District; Dr. Rice, presiding elder of Cambridge District, and Hon. E. O. Fisk, of Boston.

A beautiful solo, sung by Mrs. Sanborn, of Melrose, delighted the audience.

Mrs. Hunt exhibited a scarf of shadow embroidery, done by Sophia Meestras, of Harwood Home, for which gifts of money had been solicited to pay toward the needed plumbing in that Home, and she now desired to present the scarf to Miss Guernsey, who had secured, through the Home Guards, the scholarship for this Mexican girl.

Mrs. Young, desiring to solicit subscriptions for the support of the Reindeer Mission at Sinuk, Mrs. Thompson suggested a "Grandmothers' Frolic," and subscriptions were taken in behalf of children, grandchildren, nephews, neices, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels, making a total of $155. (See Pledges.)

Miss Guernsey asked for gifts of ten cents to make little Laura Moon a life member of the Society, and more than the amount needed was quickly given.

The appearance of Bishop Mallalieu on the platform was greeted with applause. He expressed the regret of Mrs. Mallalieu at being unable to be present at all the sessions. On motion, greetings were sent to Mrs. Mallalieu through the bishop. Bishop Mallalieu spoke of the recent temperance victory at Birmingham, Ala., and suggested that congratulations be sent the women of that city, and, on motion, Mrs. McDowell was commissioned to send them.

Mrs. Irving French, of Rockford, Ill., stated, in behalf of the Rock River Conference, that they, having learned that the Philadelphia ladies were disappointed in not securing the Convention for the coming year, would waive the privilege and pleasure of entertaining it in favor of Philadelphia. On motion of Mrs. Potter, the question was reconsidered, and the invitation of the Philadelphia Conference accepted.

The report of the Cunningham Orphanage was read by Mrs. A. S. Bullard, and accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Immigrants was read by the Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Bickley, and accepted. (See Report.)

Resolutions urging an anti-polygamy Constitutional amendment were presented by Mrs. B. S. Potter, and adopted. (See Report.)

Rev. Chan Lok Shang, Chinese missionary in Boston, and Mrs. Carter, Chairman of the New England Sunday-school Workers' Union, were presented and addressed the Convention.

The noon hour was observed by silent prayer, the singing of two stanzas of "Rock of Ages," and prayer by Dr. Leonard.

On motion, all unfinished business was referred to the Board of Trustees.

By request, our colored sisters sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Leonard, and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At the opening of the session, Mrs. Fisk requested Dr. Leonard to address the Convention on Home Missions. Dr. Leonard spoke of the problem confronting the new "Board of Home Missions" in getting clearly before the Church the fact that there are now two funds, one for Home and one for Foreign Work, and that a subscription for "Missions" will not cover both, and he asked the co-operation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in emphasizing this distinction. A timely pointer was given in the suggestion, "If you want to win, put your cause before the ministers and so get the right of way to their pulpits and their membership." Dr. Leonard closed with a prayer that was a vision of opportunities responded to.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and adopted.

Miss Alice Guernsey's report on Interdenominational Home Mission Study showed an increased interest manifested by Interdenominational Conference Leagues and other societies, and the recommendation was made that the matter of organizing mission study classes in summer assemblies and the securing of teachers for them be made the special duty of an Educational Secretary.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the recommendation was referred to the Standing Committee on Literature.

Mrs. D. L. Williams, Chairman of the Committee for Ritter Home, described the improvements in the old building, and the new annex made possible by the gift of Mrs. Horr, of Toledo, in honor of her sainted mother, Mrs. Caroline Frazier, of Sidney, Ohio. She closed with an

appeal for miles of pennies to help in this work. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home was reported by Mrs. P. D. Perchment, Chairman. During the year a family of twenty-two boys and girls has been cared for and their education begun. Gratitude was expressed for services rendered by Drs. Hedding and Mueller, gratuitously, and to Mrs. R. B. Ward, who had helped to answer the prayer for "daily bread" by furnishing the entire supply of bread for the Home. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. E. M. Foster, Chairman of the Committee for Watts De Peyster Home, called attention to the possibility of confusing this Home with another of the same name at Verbank, under the management of the Independent Deaconess Board. Interesting details of the dedication of the new hospital, named in honor of our President, Mrs. Fisk, were given. The death of General Watts De Peyster, the donor of the property, was spoken of with regret, and appreciation of his generous gift was expressed. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The reports of the Standing Committees on "Funding" and "Insurance" were ordered printed without reading.

The report on "Missionary Candidates" was given by Mrs. William Christie Herron, Chairman, who made a plea for more missionaries and more money to secure better training for our missionaries. Report accepted. (See Report.)

In reporting for the Committee on Thank-offering, Miss Van Marter said that, while the interest in this fund might have been less during the gathering of the Silver Offering, the sentiment was still strong in its favor, and that $6,476.12 had been raised the past year. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Mississippi, Mrs. Henry C. Hedges, Secretary, was read by Mrs. M. W. Reece. As in all other places, the applications for admission to the homes and schools in this Bureau far exceeded the accommodations, but everywhere the outlook was most hopeful. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The roll-call of Organizers and Reserve Organizers brought responses from Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Mrs. N. W. Bass, Miss Mary A. Mahon, Mrs. Mary A. Lavender, Mrs. M. Libby Allen, and Miss Annie O. Clark, each report being a marvelous tale of travel, not on an enchanted carpet, but by every sort of conveyance, public and private, that would take them where they might lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The reports were accepted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. M. B. C. Mason and Miss Garrison, Reserve Organizers, had been able not only to effect organizations in a number of colored Con-

ferences, but also to add inspiration to workers and put the work on a better basis.

On motion, Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss was made Field Secretary for the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

A memorial from the Genesee Conference concerning appeals was read and discussed. Action was taken on it by a motion offered by Mrs. Roach, "That no appeals be made by Bureau Secretaries to any one but Conference Secretaries." Carried.

The following recommendations from the Board of Trustees were presented, and, on motion, adopted:

"That the appropriations for any year shall not exceed the income shown in the last Annual Report."

"That a memorial tablet be placed in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, to mark the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society."

"That a Pacific Coast Indian Bureau be formed, but the financial responsibility for the Yuma Mission be left with the Southern California Conference until the Silver Offering is paid."

"That, owing to the heavy burdens of travel and supervision involved in the double duties of Field Secretary and General Secretary of the Deaconess Bureau as now provided for, a division of the work be made which would place Miss Henrietta Bancroft as General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, and give her as assistant Miss Bertha Fowler, as Field Secretary."

A motion that the new Industrial Home and Orphanage to be established at Sinuk be named "Hilah Seward" was carried.

The Recording Secretary pro tem, Mrs. Albright, submitted the list of Bureau Secretaries, Chairmen of Standing Committees, Organizers, Honorary Vice-Presidents, and they were confirmed as found on pages 3 to 18 in the Annual Report.

Miss Ella Chadwick was elected a member of the Eastern Interdenominational Committee for Home Mission Conferences.

Miss N. Elizabeth Evans, of Chicago, was elected Assistant Field Secretary to Miss Barge.

Mrs. Delia L. Williams, Mrs. B. L. Potter, and Mrs. W. T. McGuffin were made members of the Committee for Western Mission Conferences.

A vote of thanks was given the Assistant Secretaries and also to Mrs. Albright, who had served as Secretary pro tem. so acceptably.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung, and the Convention adjourned to meet at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE closing session of the Convention opened at 7.30, with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair, who announced the hymn, "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," followed by "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "Blessed Assurance." Miss Van Marter read selections from the twelfth chapter of Romans, and Rev. Dr. Beiler led in prayer.

Miss Van Marter spoke of the help she had often received through the singing of the old hymns, especially such as "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours," and this old hymn was sung with evident enjoyment. Mrs. Fisk said that more than sixty years ago that hymn had been largely the means of her conversion.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Bodkin, and adopted.

Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock, Chairman of Committee for Mothers' Jewels Home, being absent, her report was read by Miss Edith Thompson. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

On invitation of the President, Mrs. Roberts spoke on the Mothers' Jewels Home, giving touching incidents in the life of the children, and made an earnest plea for the support of the work.

The report of the Committee for American Highlanders, in the absence of its Chairman, Mrs. R. J. Miller, was read by Mrs. J. C. Biddle. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The Corresponding Secretary of the Upper Mississippi Conference, Mrs. G. G. Logan, gave a cheering report for her Conference, which was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Samuel M. Dick presented the report for the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Report.)

Mrs. R. H. Young offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this body to formulate a plan for raising an Annual Meeting Fund, the purpose of which should be the equalization of traveling expenses to this meeting."

In support of her resolution, Mrs. Young stated the fact that meetings in the extreme East had small representation from the West, and that the Eastern delegates were few when the meeting was in the extreme West.

After discussion, the resolution was adopted, and Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward, and Mrs. W. W. Robinson were appointed the Committee to formulate the plan.

Miss Bessie Danforth, of Everett, delighted the audience with the singing of "My Peace I Leave With You."

Miss Guernsey announced an increase over last year in the sale of literature in the meeting, the amount being $180.97.

"America" was sung as a hymn of gratitude and praise:

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King."

Mrs. Williams voiced an earnest petition to the Throne of Grace. Rev. A. S. Beiler, D. D., pronounced the benediction, and the Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting adjourned.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, RECORDING SECRETARY, *pro tem.*
MRS. B. S. POTTER,
MRS. D. D. THOMPSON,
MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS,
MRS. P. H. BODKIN,
Assistants.

REPORT

OF THE

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS.

With gratitude we come to you with the report of one more year's work. While we may well be appalled as we face the needs, we have the evidence that what we have attempted has had God's blessing upon it.

In 1904-5 we began the raising of a special offering of $200,000 in celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary, and therefore called the "Silver Offering." Since that date our income has been steadily increasing notwithstanding the effort for this special gift. The cash receipts from the conferences (that is, exclusive of annuities, bequests, endowments, and the "Silver Offering") in 1904-5 was $162,565.14. In 1905-6 it was $172,899.58, exclusive of "Silver Offering," an increase of $10,334.44. In the year just closed, 1906-07, the treasurer received $185,707.51, an increase over the previous year of $12,807.93. Besides this, the treasury has received the past year $16,398.75 of annuities and bequests, $36,504.98 "Silver Offering" and vouchers for money expended which did not go through the treasury for $119,271.59, a total of $357,882.83.

Now that the "Silver Offering" is being completed in so many Conferences, we are in a position to take a long forward step, for we have learned the blessedness of giving, and the ease of it when once the need is felt, and a definite plan adopted.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Some improvements have been made in our buildings this year. Mrs. C. B. Perkins, treasurer for the Japanese and Corean work, on a trip to Honolulu the past summer, found the buildings which were purchased for us last year by Bishop Hamilton required many repairs. A new roof was needed, the plumbing was altogether out of order, and a foundation had decayed and needed to be replaced. It was necessary, in order

to conserve the property and make it sanitary, to expend $1,770, but the buildings are now in good condition.

The family at Cedar Valley, North Carolina, had quite outgrown the capacity of the Mitchell Home, and the Bureau Secretary found it necessary to enlarge and improve the building, which she has done by adding a living room, kitchen, pantry, store-room, laundry, and three dormitory rooms. The money was in the treasury, the gift of Mrs. Mitchell, of Dayton, Ohio, to meet the expense.

The Home at Boaz, Alabama, burned nearly a year ago, has been re-established and is occupied, but is only partially completed. It is giving shelter, however, to ninety girls.

Repairs have been made on the Elizabeth Ritter Home at Athens, Tennessee. Changes have been made to adapt it to a new annex which has been erected, a hot water heating plant has been installed, a new laundry built, the ground floors and the walks reconstructed, and all the buildings painted. For part of these improvements money came into the treasury last year.

A lot has been purchased at Jacksonville, Florida, upon which to erect a building, when the property we now occupy can be advantageously sold.

Dickson Hall at Clarkson, Mississippi, has been much improved, with no debt upon it.

The Geo. O. Robinson Orphanage at San Turce, Porto Rico, has been completed and dedicated free of debt, and a hospital building has been erected for the use of the Watts de Peyster Home at a cost of $5,000, with no debt.

The Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital at Springfield, Mo., has been opened and has proved its right to recognition by its success, already demanding another building for its patients; and the Portland, Maine, Deaconess Home has become established in a fine property of its own.

ORGANIZERS.

We must not lose sight of the fact that much of our success has been due to the loyal labor of our field workers, in co-operation with the Conference officers. Their reports indicate that in their interest for the work they have not spared themselves. They have spoken at Epworth Assemblies, at camp-meetings, at young people's Bible Conferences, at Methodist Annual Conferences, at Home Missionary Conventions and district meetings, from the pulpits of pastors, in Sunday-schools, in auxiliary and circle meetings, in colleges, everywhere and always where they could get a hearing.

They have borne their messages from Puget Sound to Los Angeles, and from Portland on the East to Portland on the West. They are women whom we delight to honor, and for whose comfort, when they are among us, we should most diligently care; and because, for Christ's sake, they have no certain dwelling-place, they should have a warm welcome in

every conference and in every home, and the most earnest co-operation of the women to whom they come, for they are not intruders, but heaven-sent ministers with a message. They go to the Conference by invitation, and are therefore its guests, as well as the devoted co-workers with the women who call them.

There have not been organizers enough to serve the Conferences that have desired them, but we hope to make up this year the service lacking last year. We especially need field workers among the young people to supply the demand of the Conferences for speakers for Epworth League Associations, Forward Movement and Home Mission Normal classes, and Young Woman's Christian Association Assemblies. It is important that every Conference develop its own efficient women as organizers and representatives of the work, who can serve acceptably their own and nearby Conferences at much less expense, and stay by and guard the seed sown from birds of the air and choking thorns.

I bespeak your sympathy and prayers for the field workers, sometimes faint in heart and often weary in body, but never losing faith in their work or their Divine call to it.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

January 1, 1907, saw the launching of a new order in our General Conference benevolences. A new Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was constituted, whose field is the same as our own; and the work of that Society must of necessity have an intimate relation with that of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the courtesy of the Secretaries of the new Board. We were offered space in their organ, *The Christian Republic,* for the presentation of items of interest in the woman's work; we have been invited to represent our work in their conventions, and they have served on our programs.

The first editorial in *The Christian Republic* emphasizes what we have been trying to say for many years, and so gives added courage to our convictions. Dr. Forbes writes, "The greatest work that can be done for Africa will be done among the Africans of America;" and again: "To reach China let us save the Chinese who are here. To evangelize Bohemia let us not overlook the Bohemians who in the order of God's providence are living under our flag." Dr. Kynett optimistically says: "We need not despair; Christianity will not here meet its defeat at the hands of European infidelity or Oriental immorality, but we must seize the strategic positions. The great problems of our own nation must be met by the plan of campaign which has won the great victories for our faith in the foreign field, personal religion, fearless witnessing, and loving service."

The General Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension pertinently ask: "What hope have we for the successful propagation of

Christianity by our foreign missionaries serving in lands which send their representatives to this country, if we do not solve the problem of Christianizing the individuals of false faiths and of heathenism that come to our own shores?"

These are good words for us to hear from our brethren, and we are most happy to accord to them, with their large outlook, and larger finances than we can command, the leadership in this great Home Missionary movement, while we pledge them co-operation in the promotion of our less conspicuous, but possibly equally important, enterprises in saving "America for Christ."

COLORED CONFERENCES.

I wish to take this occasion to commend the increased interest in Home Missionary work in the colored Conferences. As an example, take the Lexington Conference. It was organized in 1902 and paid $59; in 1903, it paid $70; in 1904, $171; in 1905, $357; in 1906, $374; in 1907, $492. Twelve of the twenty colored Conferences appear in our Treasurer's report, and possibly some others sent money through the treasurers of their Annual Conferences.

These Conferences contributed in the following order: Lexington, $491.61; Washington, $440.35; West Texas, $369.06; Texas, $262.90; Little Rock, $197.95; Atlanta, $174.94; Mississippi, $118; Tennessee, $89.35; Louisiana, $85.50; East Tennessee, $79; Central Alabama, $47.97; Florida, $21, making a total of $2,377.71, a total gain over last year of $400.68. Lexington Conference, which leads, purposes to keep the banner as against the ambition of any other colored Conference. We shall see, for Washington Conference is a "close second."

In this connection I wish to express my conviction that we should provide a good training school for colored deaconesses. Fine colored women will give themselves to the deaconess work for both Home and Foreign fields if we will provide them the opportunity for training. The time has come when we owe it to those whom we have inspired to give themselves to the service of their race, to provide schools in which they can prepare themselves for the best work of which they are capable.

The Board of Trustees have authorized the employment of Miss Bessie Garrison, a Clark University graduate, a woman trained in our own Thayer Home, as organizer in the colored Conferences for the coming year.

We are already indebted to Mrs. M. C. B. Mason for attendance upon several of the colored Annual Conferences and Woman's Home Missionary Society Conference meetings, where her presence and stimulating words have been an inspiration. We have much to expect from the help of the colored people when they understand the needs and their responsibility.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

A field that now needs most careful attention is that of our Young People. We must inspire them with an interest in Missionary work, for we need their help. There is an especial call for consecrated and trained teachers of the domestic sciences, and we have been compelled to go outside our own Church to find them. In what nobler work can a young woman engage than in teaching other young women how to make attractive Christian homes; for in training for a pure and exalted home life we are also training for the highest patriotic and loftiest Christian service.

There is much greater demand for both visiting and nurse deaconesses than the various training schools can supply. A hundred trained women would find immediate employment in this field.

Under the Mosaic dispensation the requirement was for the best of the flock for Jehovah, and so now God's service needs wise and tactful women, women of address, of ability, and education, college women whose opportunities have given them wide sympathies and comprehensive views, those who can look beyond the present and plan for the good which is only prophetically seen, and then can help to make the vision real. This is not the time for a young woman capable of great things when in league with God to give herself to clubs, and dances, and cards, even though she may think these amusements innocent. She is urgently needed in a sphere where she can help to mold destiny—the destiny of individuals, families, the Nation. She has no time to cease building character, that of her own and others; she can not afford to waste herself upon mere amusement and come down to hold converse with the enemy, or at best with doubtful friends.

What greater charm can life have for the most capable young woman than that of winning souls? Let every one of them abandon forever the idea, if she has ever entertained it, that any common gift is good enough for God's service, thereby leading to the inference that some things are too good.

Will the young women here tell the army of twenty thousand young women in our Societies, whom you are here to represent, that no education, no musical or literary gifts are too choice for Him? It is impossible for man to *stoop* to God's service. It is always above and beyond the best that man has to offer, and the best can be made acceptable only through the blood of Christ.

We ask for the best the schools have to offer, the strongest the Church has to give, the choicest the family has to bestow, the first born of every flock. Why may we not have these precious gifts for the bride of the Master? Let no young woman dare to say, "Yes, I could be a missionary or a deaconess, I suppose, but I have a talent for music, or art, or literature which I can not afford to waste." *Waste,* think of it!

Waste any talent in missionary or deaconess service! Did Mrs. Booth Tucker waste her gifts? Is Maud Ballington Booth wasting hers? Do not all gifts and graces belong to God, and will He not repay a thousand fold? What have we that we can selfishly withhold from Him or count it a sacrifice to devote to His service? Let no young woman who believes herself a Christian, in the pride of her heart think herself too good for the humblest service. Remember, Paul spoke of himself constantly as the slave of Jesus Christ, and how wonderfully God exalted him! So He will exalt every young woman that so consecrates herself. May we not, the coming year, have a hundred from our Queen Esthers who will joyfully give themselves to missionary and deaconess service?

OUR LITERATURE.

Again I must call attention to our literature. Our inter-denominational study books command the respect of all the denominations, not only for study in the Woman's Home Missionary Societies, but they are largely used as text-books in Epworth Leagues and Forward Movement Home Mission Study classes.

There are no better Missionary papers than our *Woman's and Children's Home Missions,* and we have a whole magazine of information, and workshop of tools, for both adults and children, in our pamphlets, leaflets and helps. May I call special attention to some of these? By change of Church relations we are constantly losing members; for women hesitate to ask admission to a Society of strangers, and sometimes, perhaps, are not averse to "taking a rest" in a new congregation where nothing is required of them. But neither they nor we can afford a rest that induces paralysis. We have an appropriate transfer card designed to accompany the pastor's letter of transfer. This card serves as a pleasant introduction, and a supply should be kept by the corresponding secretary of every auxiliary for its use. It would also be well for her to write a note to the president of the auxiliary of the Church to which the member is being transferred or to the pastor's wife, introducing the new-comer, as is the custom of many pastors when giving a letter of transfer. In many reports that come to the Corresponding Secretary there is a sad falling off by death and removal. But there is not a corresponding decline in the Church membership, which shows that we are not looking after the accessions to the Church. Let us be as wise in our work as the children of this world, striving to get all we can and to keep all we get.

There is difficulty sometimes in securing the consent of women to accept important offices on account of their unfamiliarity with parliamentary usages. We have an excellent little manual, simple enough for a child, but containing quite enough for our purposes, which should be a part of the working outfit of every auxiliary and circle. It is entitled "Methods and Means for Every Day Workers." It is a good book for any of us, and costs only ten cents.

We have some excellent entertainment literature for the young people, suggestive programs for thank-offering service, and a large assortment of both inspirational and instructive free leaflets. Each auxiliary should provide itself with a catalogue of the good things at its command, which can be had from either the New York or the Chicago office, and as new leaflets are noticed in *Home Missions* the titles could easily be added to the catalogue and it be kept up to date. Of course the Annual Report is a storehouse of information which should be accessible to all our women. We can not expect interest where the needs are not known. Let us not have to inscribe the legend over any dead or dying auxiliary, "My people perish for lack of knowledge."

Will you suffer a word in regard to Secretaries of Literature? The plan seems ideal; a secretary of literature in each auxiliary who reports to the District Secretary of Literature, who in turn reports to the Conference Secretary, who in turn reports to the General Secretary. But a plan will not work itself, and why have secretaries to "report" if there is nothing to be reported? From the standpoint of your Corresponding Secretary the office of Secretary of Literature is absolutely fundamental, and upon the efficient discharge of her duties depends the whole fabric of the Society. I think I hear the echo of the voice of some secretary saying, "This is all news to me, for I was told that all I had to do was to 'report.'" But unless somebody works, the report will be but "The stuff that dreams are made of." Where is the initial movement, the great band wheel whose going makes all the machinery *go?* It is difficult to say which is the most important link in a chain or section in a circle. The auxiliary secretary certainly has important duties, and the most far-sighted, energetic woman in the Society should be chosen for the office. She must see that the women of the auxiliary are well informed along all lines of Home Missionary work. She must be constantly calling the attention to new literature, have something inspiring at each meeting, something that will fit into and emphasize the program. If she is responsible for the subscription to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions*, her subscription list must be constantly in mind so that she will be ready to obtain renewals immediately upon the expiration of subscriptions, and to secure the patronage of every new member. If she has also the duty of looking after the supply and use of the Reading Circle books, she has employment enough for the most energetic, tactful, and zealous woman in any society.

But suppose we have our ideal woman in the auxiliary, is there nothing for the District Secretary to do but receive reports? Most certainly. The District Secretary is to be to the auxiliary secretary by correspondence and personal contact her inspiration and guide. She should be at each district convention with an attractive supply of literature, with suggestive plans for using it, with samples of the Home Missionary papers and of the Reading Circle books. She is to see that there is an efficient

secretary in every auxiliary and circle, and not only that this secretary knows how and when to make her reports, but that she has something encouraging to report. Surely, this is duty enough for a very energetic and capable woman.

And will all this leave the Conference Secretary nothing to do? Certainly not. She must be the most alert woman in the Conference meeting. Her table of literature must be the most attractive place in the Church, and an inspiration to every woman in attendance, and by constant correspondence with the district secretaries she should show her interest in and appreciation of their work. She must suggest plans, call attention to new literature, show how it can be made to contribute to the interest of the auxiliaries, interest the women in the authors, and in all possible ways magnify her office.

If all I have suggested be done, there will be something to report to the General Secretary of Literature, who in turn will send down the whole line workable plans, and a large view of the importance of knowing what are the opportunities and the means at hand to meet them. We want earnest, consecrated women everywhere, but nowhere is their presence more vital than in the field of our Home Missionary literature.

"SILVER OFFERING."

Though the "Silver Offering" has not yet reached the $200,000 mark, we have great reason to rejoice in its eminent success. Had the paying membership been as numerous as reported in 1903, which we took as our basis of calculation, we should have reached it before this time. The error was not in a mis-estimate of the loyalty or energy of our women, but in the numerical strength of the Conferences. We have learned the lesson not to overestimate our membership, which will be valuable to us, and we also have the satisfaction of knowing that when the remaining pledges are paid a large proportion of the Conferences will have done what was asked of them—that is, have paid an average of $2.50 per member. We have still $50,000 to secure to reach the goal of $200,000 we set before ourselves. Quite a number of the Conferences have not yet completed their offerings, but expect to do so, yet on account of the over-estimate of membership we may come short of the amount aimed at when all have brought in their gifts. What then? There is no such word as "fail" in the Woman's Home Missionary Society lexicon, and if there were, our faith in God would blot it forever from the page.

> "A soul immortal, time, God everywhere,
> Without, within, how can a heart despair,
> Or talk of failure, obstacles, or doubt?"

Our confidence in our leader says we shall surely come in rejoicing, bearing our sheaves with us.

How has this royal gift of $150,000 already paid into the treasury

been secured? I reply: First, by the patient effort of the Conference and auxiliary officers; and second, by each auxiliary, district, and Conference having had a definite goal to reach—an average of $2.50 per member. If three years ago the proposition had been put before our Conferences not only to keep up to our previous standard of giving, but to add $10,000 cash each successive year, and, besides this, to raise a special gift of $150,000, I fear they, with one accord, would have voted it quite impossible. But what has really been accomplished in the past three years by the faith and works of our good women?

The year closing October, 1904, the year preceding the beginning of our "Silver Offering," the Treasurer reported $146,754.67 cash from the Conferences. Had we paid this amount into the treasury for each of the succeeding years—that is, till the year just closed—the aggregate for the three years would be $440,264. The total of cash from the Conferences that has actually been paid into the treasury, exclusive of "Silver Offering," bequests, annuities, and endowments, is $521,172.23, a total increase in cash of $81,908.23. That is, we have in the last three years not only paid into the treasury the average of what we did the year before we started upon the "Silver Offering," but we have increased the amount by $81,908.23, and have paid besides as a special offering $150,000; or have made a total gain to the treasury in three years of $231,908.23.

For this result we are profoundly grateful, and we shall never distrust God or the women of Methodism in any future undertaking when He leads the way. And may we never be satisfied in future to do small things, now that we have learned how easy and blessed it is to do large things. "The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand." This is our Father's word, and how gloriously we have proved it true. So we will *stand* on the vantage ground to which we have climbed, and never in our weakest moment think of taking a backward step. Every motive inspires and every promise beckons us to continue our ascent until we get to the Pisgah height, from which we can view the glorious landscape of our future possibilities and our future rewards.

DUES AND PLEDGES.

I trust you will be patient with me while I again speak of the importance of paying the dues at the beginning of the year, when so much money is needed for opening up the work of the schools in the autumn. Every dollar delayed may compel the payment of interest on another dollar till the one due is received into the treasury. If the dues are not paid till the second quarter, they do not reach the treasury till January 15th, when half of the school year is past. Let us pay our dues the first meeting of the new year if possible, the first quarter at least, without fail.

The importance of paying the pledges can not be over-estimated. Take an illustration: A woman is left with a large family which must be clothed decently, have their meals each day, and be educated. She

has a little money at interest and depends on this income to pay her grocery and meat bills, her shoe and her fuel bills. What shall she do when her debtor informs her that he fully intended to pay the interest when he made the loan, but that there have been so many other demands he finds he will not be able, or worse still, simply does not pay and makes no apology for the default?

This is exactly the embarrassment in the Homes where the pledges are not met. We earnestly desire your pledges, and know that your women need the inspiration of a goal, but having fixed the goal let's reach it if it can possibly be attained.

THE WORK BEFORE US.

You now ask what are the immediate needs. There is still a deficiency upon the school building at Asheville, built two years ago, of $2,000 which should have been paid this year, but has not been met. The balance due on the Japanese Home in San Francisco of $1,500 has not been paid, owing to the necessities growing out of the earthquake and fire. There is pressing need for the rebuilding of the Chinese Mission Home in San Francisco at an estimated cost, above the means in hand, of $8,000. Repairs have been made upon the property in Honolulu which, with the balance due on the purchase price, demands an appropriation of $2,500. At Albuquerque repairs and improvements were made two years ago calling for quite a large expenditure. This obligation to the Bureau Secretary, who is carrying the deficiency, is $2,500. The Rebecca McClesky Home at Boaz, Alabama, had to be rebuilt after the fire. It is so far completed that the girls are occupying it, but it will require $10,000 to finish it, $5,000 of which is to be raised outside and $5,000 in our auxiliaries. An appropriation of $1,500 was granted last year for repairs upon Ritter Home at Athens, Tennessee. Nearly $1,000 of this was pledged, part of which has been paid, but it seemed best while the repairs were being made to put in a heating plant, which had become a necessity, so the Board has recommended an appropriation of $1,500 and the $500 appropriated but not paid last year, $2,000 in all.

These are the unfinished enterprises, requiring in all $23,000, that should be finished up this year so that we may enter upon some other improvements that are urgently demanded. This will be easy to do, now that the "Silver Offering" is so nearly out of the way. Twenty-three thousand dollars divided among our auxiliaries could so easily be met that the doing it would be a joy rather than a burden. This done, and the "Silver Offering" completed, we should be free to take "marching orders" from our Captain, to make new conquests that are awaiting our advance.

We should have for the ensuing year $120,000 general fund. We need $35,000 student aid. We should have a building and improvement fund

of $40,000, and $35,000 special fund—a total of $230,000 cash, besides all that is raised locally for City Missions, Conference and deaconess work. This is an advance of only $8,000 above the amount of cash received last year, including bequests and "Silver Offering." Can we not make this advance? We can not afford to go back on our record, either for our own sakes or that of the cause which God has honored us by committing to us.

LET US ARISE AND BUILD.

There is such immediate need that we go forward that we must get our "Silver Offering" and these unfinished projects out of the way. The facilities of Thayer Home in Atlanta, Georgia, have fallen far behind in the race with her opportunities. The Home has been unable for years to house both its students and teachers, and at present there is not accommodation anywhere on the campus for all the teachers. The need is for a good industrial building to relieve the congestion in the Home.

Jacksonville, Florida, must have better buildings for both the school and hospital if the work is to command the respect of the new city, for such Jacksonville is since the fire.

The Settlement work at Jacksonville needs a school building, as does the Mission at Ocala, where part of the classes are heard in one end of an old dwelling, the other end of which is the laundry. There should be a house provided for the missionaries at the new Reindeer Mission at Sinuk, Alaska. The time has come when those in charge of the work at Marcy Home, Chicago, feel the necessity for an enlargement of their building, for the work has outgrown the facilities they have for doing it, and unless they meet their opportunities they will of necessity retrograde in influence, and not be able to hold commendably the work they have. A building is urgently needed at Tucson, Arizona, where an excellent school is developing.

Not only does our present work call for enlargement and strengthening, but new opportunities are being urged upon our attention. The recent study of the "Immigrant Problem" has laid upon us anew the "burden of the city," our duty to the mining sections of the country, and our debt to our Jewish population. Wherever conditions are not what they should be, wherever our Savior is not known, or is sinned against and crucified afresh, we want to have a part in crowning Him Lord of all in every poor, sinful, darkened life.

We have made a beginning, but only a beginning—indeed, thus far we have touched but the hem of the needs and opportunities. "The Wizard of Llewellyn Park" is reported to have said, "I calculate that we know but one billionth part of one per cent about anything, so you see I have a good margin to work on." If this is true of the wonders of science, much more is it true of the wonders of grace, which are ready to be revealed when we are ready to give ourselves and our means for the

redemption of our fellow-men. One of the General Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association in speaking of the needs in the mission field recently said: "The slogan of the Missionary Societies is that of the highway robber, 'Your money or your life.' Indeed, the Missionary work demands both your money and your life."

Do I hear some one say, "Will our General Corresponding Secretary never give us a year of respite from these 'pressing needs?'" Your Corresponding Secretary would be untrue to the earnest women who have placed her on the watch tower to report to them faithfully, "What of the night?" if she did not announce the *hour true;* she would not be loyal to the Captain of our salvation if she did not, like the old prophets, tell what she sees as God gives her to see it.

Dear Sisters, do not think of this as the message of your Corresponding Secretary; it is, as she believes, God's message to you through her. The people in the tropics and among the icebergs, in the mountain and on the plantation, in the desert and in the city, whose burdened hearts from one generation to another are blindly crying out from pain of body and hunger of soul for deliverance from burdens too heavy to be borne—these children whom the Father loves just as He loves us, are on His heart, and He lays their needs on our hearts, because for our sakes, as well as theirs, He would have us co-workers with Him in responding to these needs. Your Corresponding Secretary thinks she has some vision of the glory ready to be revealed—the glory of spiritual insight and spiritual joy to those who, with no thought of personal gain, say to God, "Here am I; send me, my sympathy, my prayers, my money, my heart's love to those who are in need." The Master will give us our rest in His own good time, but now He says to us, "Go work in My vineyard, and what is right I will pay you."

OUR APPROPRIATIONS.

Our General Fund, made up of annual dues, Thank-offering, and special pledges for the salaries of teachers, should cover the expenditure necessary for salaries and current expenses, leaving the special funds for buildings and improvements. But in making the appropriations for the coming year, which we submit for your approval, the committee was obliged either to cut down the appropriations, or transfer to the special fund $10,000 of salary and $24,000 of current expenses, such as fuel, lights, water, and minor repairs. The treasury should not be compelled to depend upon special pledges, which often come in after the year's work is done, and sometimes not at all, for salaries of teachers and fuel and lights which are a necessity. We should make an immediate increase in our General Fund of $20,000, or twenty per cent over last year. Shall we work for it? And how? I think I hear each woman before me say by increasing our membership.

OUR NEEDS.

And this brings me to speak of our needs. There are two million seven hundred thousand Methodists in the United States; subtract one-half for children and persons without means, and still there are nearly a million and a half of well-to-do Methodists. Is it too much to expect that each one of this number contribute something through the regularly organized societies of the Church for the improvement of the National life? More than one-half of these one and a half millions, or seven hundred and fifty thousand, of adult well-to-do Methodists are women—and only one hundred and fifteen thousand, or less than one out of every six of them, are members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Surely this furnishes a field in which to urge our claims for co-operation.

Let us be a little more specific and personal. Is it so, that in the especial congregation to which you and I belong all the women are members of the Society we represent? If not, what per cent of them? Ten, twenty-five, fifty per cent? Will it not be well for us to investigate our immediate congregations? Feeling the needs as we do, can we rest content that eighty, seventy-five, or even fifty per cent of the women in our own Churches shall have no practical interest in what seems so vital to us from the standpoint of both patriotism and religion? May not the real difficulty be that we have not such deep sympathy for the classes who need the Gospel that we are crying to God to send us helpers in order that He may be glorified by a great in-gathering of souls? Should we not ask God for such a burden for souls that we can not rest in conditions as they are?

But, some one says, are the conditions so bad?

It is true that we have sweet Christian homes, but what does it mean that our daily press is blood-red with murders and suicides—wayward children and women with no hope, and men with no conscience rushing into the presence of God as if there were no judge on the throne and no penalty for sin. What of the liquor saloon and the gambling den, open day and night, luring its boy victims to destruction by the tens of thousands? Chicago's annual liquor bill, $115,000,000, an average annual consumption of two and one-fourth barrels of beer and four gallons of spirituous liquor for each man, woman, and child. Chicago's gambling revenue an annual $15,000,000. Chicago's price for its houses, whose doors open into hell, $20,000,000 per annum, and requiring a holocaust each year of two thousand five hundred girls, once as innocent children as yours or mine. And that is but one year, in one city, and that by no means the worst, only the largest, and therefore the most conspicuous. Multiply this record by the number of cities which, in their proportion are as bad, and do we lack for pleas to urge upon Christian women?

When we get a sense of the sin of the world we can begin to under-

stand why there was a Gethesemane and a Cross, and why we are told to take up our cross daily and follow Him, for we, too, should have a sense of and sympathy with the sin and suffering of men.

Our 10,000,000 colored, half of them not intelligent enough to know morally their right hand from their left, our Highland population, our mining population, our frontier and Oriental population, our island people—before all this we are dismayed and have only to say, "Lord, we have five loaves and two small fishes, but what are these among so many?" O, if we could but hear the Master say of our small gifts, "Bring them to Me," and pronouncing His blessing on them, command us to distribute to every one until there were no longer any spiritual starvation between our seas, what a joy it would be to us.

Not only should we largely increase our membership in the interest of our General Fund, but we can also add to it by assuming more of the salaries of teachers. It has been gratifying to learn that quite a number of Conferences have acted upon the suggestion made last year, and are asking each one or two presiding elders' districts to become responsible for a salary. In the Central Ohio Conference the six districts are grouped in pairs and take three teachers. They will no doubt find it so easy that next year each district will want its own teacher.

But if this salary is merely a transfer of funds from some other pledge there will be nothing gained, for while we pay the teacher her salary, we may leave her without fuel and lights or necessary repairs. Unless this salary is an actual increase, we are not advantaged by it. The "Silver Offering" has shown us that we can make an increase if we have something definite to work for and a definite plan for doing it. Why could we not have an "extra nickel fund" for our salaries, each member as far as possible giving an extra nickel per month?

If we would begin to pay into this fund at once, and do it regularly, and those that have much drop some extra heads of wheat to encourage the gleaners who have little, we could make a very helpful salary fund that would take nothing from any other pledge.

And now I hear some good woman say, "But our Corresponding Secretary forgets that prices have advanced for all our living ,and how can we now make an advance in giving?" No; she does not forget, but let us not forget that prices have advanced not only for supplies for our own table, but for the tables in all our missions, so that already the anxious question is being asked by our missionaries, "How are we to board our pupils, for food is not only excessive in price, but limited in quantity and variety?" Their plain tables will suffer more than our abundant ones, and we must divide. We can easily get on with less. Remember these women at the front are there to represent us, in our stead, and if this is to be a time of stress we must gladly give them of our strength to bear it. We are all one in Christ, and we should in the best sense hold all things for the common good.

Again, can we not magnify, even glorify, our Thank-offering? This opportunity of expressing our gratitude for God's goodness to us should be hailed joyfully, and we should go up to God's house with our offering singing, in our hearts, hallelujahs. To guide our devotions on these occasions we have an excellent ritual service, and with especial care and preparation these annual gatherings can be made the "great feasts" of the Society.

We have no record of how much these offerings aggregate each year. I wish they might be reported separately, and I look forward to the time when we can spare them to be used for a special purpose, so that annually we can raise with them a lasting memorial of God's goodness, and so plant along the pathway of the years monuments of grateful remembrance, "Lest we forget, lest we forget."

Second—We have need of leaders, consecrated women, who are willing to prepare for responsible duties and assume them. Earnest women are needed for auxiliary officers, women who, by their own zeal, can inspire others. While there is no lack of such women supplied from the Church for leaders in clubs and social functions, why must we conclude that the Missionary Societies must do without them? Dear Sisters, you know they are in the Church, and that when they feel their responsibility to God for the talents they have, and consecrate them to Him to be used as He shall direct, the Church will have no lack, for the best and the most capable women in the world are in the Church.

We need women to speak of the needs and urge the claims of this organization both in private and public. Does one and another excuse herself on the plea that she has no gifts? When Jehovah bade Moses go to Egypt and bid Pharaoh let Israel go, Moses pleaded his inability because he was slow of speech. But have you read recently the Book of Deuteronomy made up of Moses' "Farewell addresses" to Israel on the border of the promised land? Nothing in literature, ancient or modern, exceeds the eloquence of these addresses, and why? The great leader's heart was full of love for the people to whom he had given his service, and anxiety for their future obedience and prosperity. That was the secret. He loved Israel, and love had set his tongue on fire so he could speak to and for them with the majesty of an angel.

> "Go charge thyself with love,
> Be infinite and opulent in thy large use of it;
> 'T is from free sowing that full harvest springs."

Dear Sisters, our tongues may be given to God as reverently as our hearts and our hands, and with as marked results. Do we wish so to serve? If so, let us now make this consecration.

We need women in our auxiliary societies who are filled with a zeal according to knowledge, to which is added a genuine love for young

people, to organize and care for the young women's and children's Missionary Societies.

It is an educational maxim that whatever virtue we want in the character of the man we must plant in the mind of the child. Do we want our children to grow up thoughtful of those less favored than themselves, broad-minded Christians, proving their faith by their works? If so, childhood is the time to plant these virtues. The children's Missionary Societies teach patriotism, gratitude for blessings, sympathy with the less fortunate, and willingness to share with others. If they are so valuable, why do we not have all the children in Missionary Societies? Simply because we have not the leaders. And why not the leaders? Not because there is not time or talent. There is time for all God wants done, and there are stores of latent talent of which its possessors are ignorant. It is because women do not see the marvelous opportunity at their hand; they give their money to pay teachers to do the very things for children in our Mission schools that they do not regard as important in their own households. Is there no way that our women may be led to see how they are neglecting the greatest opportunities of their lives for adding stars to their crown, yea, more, for bringing their own children into the Kingdom?

Third—We need for God's work to be led of the Spirit that we may do it in God's way, for otherwise we suffer loss. In order that we may know His will, we must be much in prayer. Have you read Dr. A. J. Dawson's little book, "The Forgotten Secret?" If not, do read it once, and you will read it many times. Dr. Dawson says: "Prayer is the unembarrassed conversation of a child with its Father." Our prayers may be inadequate, foolish even, but God is pleased that we come to Him simply and confidently and gives us better than we ask. Have you never asked for certain goods, which, so far as you knew, were the best for your use, to have the courteous salesman tell you, "But I think we have something that will suit you better," and through his superior knowledge you find something much better for your purpose that you knew nothing about? God constantly so deals with us over His counters. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit helpeth our infirmities."

The Board of Trustees need to be much in prayer, for the members have heavy responsibilities. There are difficult questions to determine, perplexing problems to solve, and difficulties to adjust so that no injustice will be done. These women need to know the mind of God, which is to be learned only by unembarrassed conversation with their Father.

The women in immediate charge of the sub-divisions of the Missionary field are often at their wit's end; the choice of workers, the improvement of appliances, the enlargement of the work, the means to meet the pleading needs—all these are considerations which tax human wisdom, and to fulfill God's purpose they must get into the spirit of "unembarrassed

conversation" with Him who discerns the real need from the artificial one, and will generously supply the one while tenderly denying the other.

The Conference officers, upon whom comes the burden of supplying the treasury, and who, therefore, hold all of success or failure in their grasp—how much these need an open way to the heart of the Master. They toil in hope in one corner of the vineyard assigned to them to rouse women to the importance of Missionary work, to their personal responsibility, and to their possibilities of service, and they are defeated. O, the bitterness of defeat! But in another portion of their vineyard they find a ready response to their utmost hope, and O, the joy of it!

But defeat and success, sorrow and rejoicing are of interest alike to the Heavenly Father, who makes both work together for good to those that love Him. So both are to be carried to Him in prayer with equal confidence in Divine leadership.

And none more need the open vision of God's countenance than the women of the auxiliary societies, who come face to face with difficulties in their detail. Here the moral issue must be met over the mite-box, the Thank-offering, the annual dues, the contingent fund, the subscriptions to *Home Missions,* an extra gift of ten cents per month for "Silver Offering," or how to secure funds to restore a school destroyed by earthquake or fire, or to save a girl to the Church or a boy to the ministry. It requires a supply of Divine strength and wisdom to compass all these details and manage them with tact to a successful end. They are trying because in one aspect so seemingly trivial. But it is only in seeming, for each item is an essential part of the great whole, and without it the whole would be incomplete and therefore imperfect.

Each woman in her place has need of Divine encouragement and direction, for each is a member of this great Missionary body, all equally needful, and all equally honorable.

So, if we would achieve the noblest and best, let us be much in prayer. There is no disappointment conceivable like that of disappointing God in His hopes and plans for us in the calling to which He has called us. It should be the daily prayer of each of us, "Lord, may we not disappoint Thee."

THE MESSAGE.

And now may I commit to you a second time a message to the women whose labors and whose gifts have made all our successes possible? For, while the officers may plan the campaign and inspire to heroism, it is the thousands in the ranks who fight the battles and win the victories. Tell your women that this Board sends them greetings and that in spirit we are one. Assure them that *God* is not unrighteous to forget their work and labor of love, and that we love them for their works' sake. Tell them to consider what God has wrought for us in the last three years, and

never to doubt Him or hesitate to undertake large things in His name. Remind them that God pays for willing service rendered Him exceeding abundantly more than we ask, more than we think even, in that He is able to make all grace abound to His children, so that they *always* having *all sufficiency* in *all things* may *abound* to *every good work.* What could He say more? What woman with such an all-and-every promise can put her hand to the plow and look back? How, with such assurance, can an auxiliary die, or a woman drop out of an auxiliary? Tell them when they give themselves to this work to let it be a life-long consecration to this form of Christian service. Make them to see that we are doing a work that tallest angels might covet, helping, as best we can, to save a Nation which under God can save the world. Make them to see that every feeling of patriotism, that every sentiment of religion, should be alert and consecrated to this unexampled service to humanity. Bid them to give themselves to serve another year, as if it were the last, for who knows when the command may come to ascend each alone into her Mount Nebo to go down no more?

And let us all with songs and banners take up again our annual march, the cloud leading the way towards our promised and eternal inheritance.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries.	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.										
		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles	New Life Members	Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
Alabama	1	17										
Atlanta	15	105	20								13	
Arkansas	2	33										
Austin	1	7	8									
Baltimore	70	2650	1032	313	191	305		55	11	4	863	1094
Blue Ridge	1	24										
California	40	1014	105	36	55	18					340	202
Central Alabama	4	48										
Central Illinois	49	1237	227		90						374	94
Central Missouri	16	112		4							28	1
Central New York	77	2493	957	184	942	267		349	6	1	720	346
Central Ohio	82	2604	631	137	423	234		199	11	7	804	259
Central Pennsylvania	63	1503	437	83	695	197		133	18		377	430
Central Tennessee	3	31										
Cincinnati	62	2138	578	332	499	129		467	39	17	767	421
Colorado	42	1151	415	51	525	35		47	2		332	243
Columbia River	11	231	32	30				6			76	31
Dakota	2	36									6	
Delaware	17	236	38		5	22					34	1
Des Moines	90	1926	375	125	284			17	2		607	271
Detroit	116	3558	757	66	523	171		137	35		1385	643
East Maine	9	138	21	10				4			24	30
East Ohio	80	2565	707	264	656	303		190	13	3	705	316
East Tennessee	6	67										
East Swedish	2	20										
Erie	22	2869	549	132	491	2		248	9	1	868	512
Florida	1	10						13	1			
Genesee	70	2314	395	78	825	25		128	6	14	803	988
Georgia	1	16									4	10
Gulf Mission	5	54						1	1			
Holston	11	291	182		163			7			116	24
Idaho	2	22						1				
Illinois	63	1999	538	130	149	50		28	4	1	554	85
Indiana	49	1889	124	114	453	113		141	4		459	53
Iowa	37	1304	406	239	412	83		20	1		447	176
Kansas	27	786	220	59	131	6		29	2		357	148
Kentucky	4	195	35	27	35						26	20
Lexington	13	227	35	35	78	24					32	3
Lincoln	7	80	10									
Little Rock	10	113	92	38	33	48					65	20
Louisiana	8	35										
Maine	48	1088	180	244	270			38			269	239
Michigan	72	2063	302	122	584			122			656	220
Minnesota	27	634	247	54	207			50			224	165
Mississippi	5	120	22	15								
Missouri												
Montana	3	65			8						26	
Nebraska	52	1168	224	15	128			1			131	
Newark	58	2284	731	71	576	74		128	5		727	534

New England	67	2141	180	91	1194	205		305	35		710	432
New England Southern	74	2211	177	53	683	9		73	18		629	730
New Hampshire	29	590	72	51	363	8		13	4		180	174
New Jersey	41	1884	357	89	369	47		35	3		317	189
New Mexico—(English)	4	72				20		2			41	
New Mexico—(Spanish)	4	50										
New York	36	1183	130	279				22	8			
New York East	35	1830	377	59	190	6		29	3		516	321
North Carolina	6	68										
North Dakota	16	304	123	26	24						123	96
North Indiana	67	2430	458	178	617	202		108	2	1	919	369
North Nebraska	30	677	139	163	148	88		6			280	153
North Ohio	52	1778	224	120	276			267		1	554	243
Northern Minnesota	32	305	121	64	329	11		4			237	225
Northern New York	92	2626	175	105	424	204		57	9	3	673	410
Northwest Indiana	59	1480	203	100	235	189		59			346	263
Northwest Iowa	71	1674	332	154	562	54		75	4		676	294
Northwest Kansas	22	355	70								200	58
Northwest Nebraska	1	13						1				
Ohio	48	1987	437	175	261	44		315	10	1	598	212
Oklahoma	5	114	32								50	
Oregon	25	702	69	68	113	228					213	115
Philadelphia	51	2180	412	152	170	95		215	42	6	571	
Pittsburg	58	2476	104	46	119	35		178	12	1	900	512
Porto Rico			40									
Puget Sound	28	778	182	8	135	162					204	87
Rock River	110	3963	822	744	489	370		159	35	11	1172	487
Savannah	6	58										
St. John's River	2	28									12	
St. Louis	13	589	300	100							150	30
South Carolina	2	28										
South Kansas	18	475	74								176	37
Southern California	79	2578	493	80	734	73		51	15		871	542
Southern Illinois	18	645	147	50	87	32		1	3		237	119
Southwest Kansas	34	1093	527	105	435	107		139	2		432	185
Texas	23	183						4				
Tennessee	2	15										
Troy	71	2243	1017	270	331			226	19		449	214
Upper Iowa	65	1078	402	213	459	168		212	14	3	780	349
Upper Mississippi	10	210									25	
Utah Mission	3	56	10								19	40
Vermont	35	769	141	83	204	12		52	8	1	280	177
Virginia	5	61						2				
Washington	9	245	36	15	20	10					44	
West Nebraska	6	121						7				
West Texas	10	157	10								6	
West Virginia	10	348	91	30	38						95	59
West Wisconsin	20	433	51	40	70			42			156	62
Wilmington	24	945	168	90	454	40		11			277	158
Wisconsin	24	627		50	26			2	5		134	87
Wyoming	32	1183	89	49	576			139	6		333	84
Wyoming Mission	3	25	8	10	9						11	11
Not reported by Conferences											2758	553
Totals	3,045	91,444	19,426	6,919	19,575	4,525		5,440	427	76	30,573	16,656

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We have not gathered to-night to recount and magnify the heroic lives and deeds of the early Christians. Their self-denial and loyalty to that which they believed to be right is with us still, because the spirit of the Master is in the world. Neither do we come to speak of the great-hearted philanthropists who have been the means of driving away darkness by turning on the light. Nor yet do the great warriors of history or of our own time claim our attention, for it is by the peaceful proclamation of the Gospel of Christ that the world must be won to Him. Statecraft and politics; trusts and monopolies; stocks, bonds, and high finance, shall be left for the consideration of those whose trade it is to deal with them. The purveyors of soft words and handlers of big sticks, who settle and unsettle the great problems of State, deal of necessity with society in the mass. Our mission is with individuals and the primary units resulting from their social instincts. By turning their activities into right paths and training their thoughts in proper channels, the large questions of society will be solved by the redemption and purification of its constituent parts. To this end the Woman's Home Missionary Society must have a heart to see hope and redemption through the tears and cries of sorrow and despair, and seek by steady and conscientious endeavor to lift the home to the clear light of living the highest and best of one's possibilities—the home, mark you, as a unit, even with its wealth of power and potentialities, deluged by all the natural issues of ignorance, degradation, and sin.

We are here to commemorate the founding, the development, and the achievement of a great beneficent organization. These anniversaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society have been held, without interruption, for over a quarter of a century. Humanity and its needs, and the altruistic spirit of help were as keenly alive in the genius and design of this benevolence of our Church in the beginning as it is to-day.

In its constitutional scope, in its breadth and power of purpose, our Society has a clear conception of what it means to be dead in trespasses and sins, and apprehends the import of the magic of the Gospel which can save to the uttermost whosoever will come.

Twenty-five years ago, perhaps the most profound and stirring questions before the people of this country were the conditions prevailing in the South, and the future of the magnificent frontiers of our West. During these years a marvelous evolution has been taking place.

When Bishop Hartzell needed missionaries for Africa, he did not seek them in Northern colleges and universities, but in the institutions in the South for the African, under the auspices of our own Church. Fully realizing that unless the homes of the people came under the regenerating and uplifting power of the disciplined mind, kind heart, and educated hand of women all effort would be of little avail, he sought men whose wives had been trained in the model homes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Our young women are in this same foreign field as nurses and missionaries. Instead of one bureau for work in this section of the country, as in the beginning, there are now nine; each with a Secretary thoroughly awake to the exigencies of her work, and with twenty-one institutions well equipped in property and instructors, including schools, industrial homes, and hospitals.

The question of whether the negro can be educated or should be educated for his own good and the good of others, has been so convincingly decided in the affirmative by all broad and true thinkers, that this phase of the negro problem has practically ceased to be discussed. Now the query is: Is it best to take him beyond the "three R's?" The broad, philanthropic impulse of all who have reached the high plane of brotherhood with all of God's children, regardless of race or color, with a faith that never falters, and loyalty to humanity that subordinates all selfish purposes, demands in the name of patriotism and honor that the moral and intellectual qualities in this race, whose eventful years of the last century have faded into the past, shall have "a chance" unchallenged, although we may have to wait for the time when constitutional rights shall be respected without regard to creed, or party, or race, or color.

No people in the South have felt the grinding effects of slavery more than that class familiarly known as the "Mountain Whites." The System reached farther than was contemplated, for it enslaved the Anglo-Saxon as well. These people from a noble ancestry came to us to build for themselves homes. They have been true and loyal to every principle of American citizenship. They would not join in enslaving the black race, and the very conditions which they helped to make by their adherence to what they believed to be right condemned them to become the "Highlanders of America." Now, every right, favor, and facility should be vouchsafed to them, that their children may become what their grand heredity promised. This generation has been taught to honor the flag and to respect the laws and institutions of our country. Looking into the faces of the daughters of these people, in the homes and schools

of this Society, one must believe that their future home life will not be confined to the mountains of the Southern States, but will go out to bless, not only the South, but the North and our new possessions, where already some of these young women are nobly filling their place in the world's work.

Our frontiers, where *are* they? First, Plymouth Rock and New England, then the Central West, then the valley of the "Father of Waters," then the Great American Desert, and on to the Golden Gate, and still on, until we are now but a days' ride from Hong Kong. And over all is Plymouth Rock and New England. For the potentialities in the faith, and the spirit, and the purpose of the Pilgrim Fathers are present from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the snows of Alaska to the palms of Porto Rico. Aren't you good New Englanders glad you came first? We are, for if you had not, I am afraid we should never have known you. For your "rock bound coast" would have less attraction if the great corn belt of Illinois, the wonderful wheat fields of the Dakotas, the cotton belt of the South, the gold of California, and the mountains of our magnificent Northwest, grand in proportions and beautiful in outline, groaning with their burden of mineral wealth, had been occupied first.

The psychological moment came when the young man went West, just over the line into the Empire State, then pushed onward to the Rockies, the backbone of the continent, leaving behind him the atmosphere that developed strong men and women, sturdy, pure, and true; essayists and poets, philosophers and philanthropists, patriots and statesmen. Do you wonder, when the English consul, a few years ago, at a Fourth of July dinner in Shanghai, toasted the British flag, saying, "Here is to the Union Jack, the flag of flags, the flag that has floated on every continent and on every sea for a thousand years, the flag on which the sun never sets," that our inimitable Eli Perkins, when called upon to toast the Stars and Stripes, looking into the proud faces of the Englishmen, was inspired to say: "Here is to the Stars and Stripes of the New Republic; when the setting sun lights up her stars in Alaska, the rising sun salutes her on the rock-bound coast of Maine. It is the flag of Liberty, never lowered to any foe, and the only flag that whipped the flag upon which the sun never sets."

The opening years of the twentieth century are witnessing a wonderful advance along all lines of human endeavor. Feats of engineering skill which, years ago, would have been considered impossibilities are now accomplished facts. The telephone which, twenty-five years ago was but little more than an interesting toy, has become an almost absolutely necessary instrument in every successful business. Wireless telegraphy, so long looked upon as merely the dream of a visionary, is to-day not only a reality, but, seemingly, is just entering upon a field of wonderful

possibilities. Electrical science, already so fruitful in benefits, promises far greater things for the century. The march of philanthropic movements, catching the spirit, is taking a more rapid pace forward. It is seen in the management of reform schools, the treatment of criminals, the handling of degenerates, the provisions for homeless or worse than homeless children, and in various other movements for the uplift of the race. This panorama is a true picture to-day. But with all this expansion and material wealth has come varied and important responsibilities, and we must emphasize our approval of this marvelous development by bravely meeting the conditions in the social, commercial, and religious life which is our heritage.

History tells us that no finer body of men ever enlisted in an heroic enterprise than those who volunteered to bear the flag into Mexico, where was begun a contest which was destined to work important results in the future. After two generations have passed, what do we find in our Spanish America, bought with such treasure of blood? Not the conditions of opportunity for that people creditable to such a nation as ours. Broad acres in this land, where sunshine has the right of way, are waiting for the magic touch of the crystal stream, when they will joyfully yield their treasures to the skill of the husbandman. That was a pathetic picture presented to President Roosevelt upon his visit to New Mexico when Statehood was under discussion. Upon the opposite side of an improvised fence was a large company of children, their brown faces peering through and hands outstretched pleading to be "let in." The President, with a hearty laugh, grasping the thought, said, "When you get irrigation, you can come in."

No wonder this is called the land of "Poco Tempo." "Pretty soon" has been the promise for two generations that better days would come. But mendicancy among these priest-ridden people is still rife, and the Penitentes are making their pilgrimages to the hills to whip and scourge themselves with the spiked plants of the plains to satisfy their superstitions.

But what of the cry of these Castilian children and the future? The good influences of the institutions of this Society in New Mexico and Arizona are being realized, as well as in the entire Southwest and among the Indians, here and in the far Northwest. Soon these peoples will only be Mexican and Indian through their blood and traditions,—not by their thought, their aspirations, and their achievements. This prophecy may extend also to the natives of Alaska, for hundreds of these have been reached by our Jesse Lee Home and School in Unalaska.

What a power kindness has in the heart and hands of an adept! There is, you know, a clumsy kindness that is unkindness; but our missionaries must be possessed of the gentle, winning sort to reach and command to effectiveness the really excellent qualities of these little

brown people. They are reaching beyond the artistically practical rug and basket making to the more exquisite lace making and other delicate needlework. Among our exhibits these can be seen; and you can learn, too, with what degree of success the boys acquire skill in crafts. Perhaps, if time and environment were really taken into account, these children would show more efficiency than those with whom we are most familiar.

Is it bold to say that Oklahoma would not to-day occupy a proud place in our Union of States had it not been for such missionary effort as has been carried forward by this Society? No, not bold, but true, for has not every State felt this transforming power?

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, first Secretary for the Indian Bureau, said: "Our principal thought in these Indian Missions is to establish the Sabbath first as a means for publishing the Gospel and remembering God; and also to insist upon Christian marriage." Conditions were such that the bishop having charge of this field allowed our missionaries to adopt some form of Christian marriage and perform the ceremony in the absence of properly authorized clergy. The life of these people, while satisfactory to themselves, could not be satisfactory to the awaiting civilization of the new territory.

There is a State developed in the heart of the Rocky Mountains—first occupied by a band of people driven from other States because of their peculiar belief and practice. They followed the path made by the great pathfinder of the West, John C. Fremont, and his party. In 1847 they settled upon the richest spot which Fremont had found between the Mississippi River and the coast. "Here," they said, "we are safe within the boundary of Mexico, away from the Babylonish control of the United States." But soon, to their dismay, they learned that the fortunes of the Mexican War had brought them to the unsought dominion of the despised government; although, unquestionably, they were beyond the reach of civilization.

These people regarded themselves as placed in the position similar to that of our Colonial Fathers. One felt the burden of taxation without representation, and the other the injustice of law forced upon them by a foreign power, as they considered the United States. They sought to build an empire and to create for themselves a new language, but the latter reached no farther than the publication of a primer.

Out of the "revelations" claimed by Joseph Smith, self-styled "prophet, seer, and revelator," divinely called, as he insisted, has been evolved the Mormon doctrine, a peculiar religio-social system, profane and blasphemous in its assumptions, and intolerant and immoral in its teachings. This system, with all its demoralizing reign, its systematic violation of the laws of the land, its profound disregard for its own promises, has been indorsed, practiced, and taught by its adherents, and endured and tolerated by this Christian civilization, for over sixty years,—

here in the very heart of America, in full glare of the nineteenth century.

For a few years past the country has been treated *ad nauseam* to the political aspirations and successes of this people, with their "revelations" of unholy living, defiance to law and apologies for the same, until surely by their own words are they condemned. And while the issues of these controversies have not always been what we desired, and while support in the recent contest for the unseating of Senator Reed Smoot came from unexpected sources, yet we know that this agitation has produced such a conviction in the minds of the people of the country, regarding the hidden enormity of this thoroughly organized system of civil and religious ethics, that, to it, henceforth, no leniency or justification will be accorded.

The governing power of this body is vested in a priesthood, composed of men who are called "prophets, seers, and revelators;" while the entire officiary of the organization is so distributed as to give to every interest and family the closest espionage.

The tenets of the faith of these people, as published to the world, look innocent enough to the casual observer. They are not publicly interpreted by their missionaries, nor in their great tabernacle in Salt Lake City on Sabbath afternoons, for the benefit of tourists; neither is their literature, so freely distributed, a true exposition of their faith. One must go to their so-called inspired books, "The Book of Mormon," the "Doctrines and Covenants," the "Pearl of Great Price," together with the "Living Oracles," all, they claim, as much inspired as any book in the Bible, and their utterances *more binding*, because later inspirations.

The Mormon religion teaches that "Joseph Smith is a new witness for God; a prophet divinely authorized to teach the Gospel and establish the Church of Jesus Christ upon the earth," that "God Himself was once as we are now," which concisely put is, "As man is God was, as God is man may be;" that "Adam is our God and the only God with whom we have to do;" that "There is a multiplicity of Gods;" that "there is no God in heaven but that God who has flesh and bones;" that "the purest, most refined, and subtle of these substances (referring to electricity and ether) is the substance called the Holy Spirit;" that "we ought to consider the fall of our first parents as one of the great steps to eternal exaltation and happiness, and one ordered by God in his infinite wisdom;" that "it was Jesus Christ who was married in Cana to the Marys and Martha;" that "the atonement made by Jesus Christ brought about the resurrection from the dead and restored life;" that "the atonement signifies the deliverance of the earth from the power which death has obtained through the transgression of Adam;" that "redemption from personal sins can only be obtained through obedience to the requirements of the Gospel (meaning the Mormon Ceremonies) and a life of

good works;" that "vicarious baptism for the dead is efficacious, an acceptable service, and divinely ordered;" that "men who hold the priesthood have divine authority thus to act for God;" that "they are in reality a part of God;" that "men who honor the priesthood honor God, and those who reject it reject God;" that "the jurisdiction of the priesthood extends over all things, spiritual and temporal;" that "the priesthood of God is perfect, and perfect obedience is required of a subject, high or low, rich or poor;" that "the priesthood is the legitimate rule of God, whether in the heaven or on the earth, and it is the only legitimate power that has a right to rule on the earth;" and that "when the will of God is done on earth as it is done in heaven no other power will be or rule."

I have quoted these extracts from professedly inspired writings covering the tenets of this faith, perhaps at greater length than is profitable, to show that "plural marriage" is not the only obnoxious belief and practice to which these people subscribe; as well as to impress upon all thoughtful minds that even without polygamy, which is really one of its fundamental principles, and believed to be a duty by divine revelation, the Christian Church, through missionary effort, is as justified in taking the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to Utah and wherever this baneful doctrine is promulgated, as it is in seeking to evangelize Africa, India, Asia, or the islands of the sea.

Polygamy anywhere under the Stars and Stripes must be, in the near future, relegated to the criminal calendar as a felony, and punished as such through the Federal Courts, both for our own protection and to preserve our moral standing among the nations. Countries under king and emperor are prohibiting this propaganda among their people. While a republican government can not dictate to its citizenship a certain belief regarding a Supreme Being or seek to establish any religious faith, it is competent, through its law-making bodies, to legislate against a practice so out of harmony with the spirit of our institutions and the fundamental principles of civilization as is polygamy.

The famous manifesto of 1890, issued to help on Statehood, simply suspended the practice; it was neither condemned nor abrogated as a doctrine of the Mormon Church.

Although promises have been made by the first presidency that this manifesto, in order to give it force among his people, should appear in each of the two editions of their "Doctrines and Covenants," published since this manifesto was issued, the promise has not been kept.

Last April the president of the Mormon Church and his counselors sent out an "Address to the World," which was adopted by their General Conference, then in session. Happily the Ministerial Association of Salt Lake City has interpreted this "Address" and the "System" stands forth without disguise in its theory and practice to-day. They plead for

toleration and leniency, "Because," they say, "it was not until 1862 that Congress enacted a law forbidding plural marriage; that the Latter Day Saints disregarded the law conscientiously, because they were observing a principle sanctioned by their religion and upholding a practice given to them by God. They were striving to maintain religious rights under a constitutional guarantee. No decision of the Supreme Court against this practice was reached until 1878, thirty years after the settlement of Utah. This toleration, under which the practice of plural marriage became firmly established, binds the United States and its people, if indeed they are not bound by considerations of mercy and wisdom, to the exercise of patience and charity in dealing with this question."

Is it not time that patience ceased to be a virtue? Thirty years have passed since the Supreme Court of the United States placed a prohibition upon this practice. Does the sequel show that this utter disregard of law is either a mercy to the law breakers or wisdom on the part of the government? The president of the Mormon Church, as is well known to this nation, is to-day living in open polygamy and making a virtue of it, while a majority of his counselors, the highest officials of the Church, and hundreds of his people are following his example. Not only Utah, but the entire northwest is feeling this power. Idaho is awake and with its grand leadership will come out from under this threatening cloud. A new Utah is arousing for the redemption of her homes, and her social life, her paralyzed commercial interests, and her general Christian Church and ministry, maligned and vilified.

But Utah and the nation have a right to demand help and protection from the federal government in their work of regeneration. An anti-polygamy amendment to the Constitution of the United States is our only safety. Toleration never righted a wrong, and procrastination is not only the thief of time, but of opportunity as well. Were this not true, the liquor-traffic, firmly intrenched and slaying its thousands every year, with its black shadow across the path to every home in our land, would not have the right of way in this country that it has to-day; neither would we be mourning our millions sacrificed because of a civil war. Too often "our tears are the lenses through which we see God." Had the majesty of the law been felt in 1862, in 1896, when Utah became a sovereign State, its escutcheon would not have been blackened by the foul blot of polygamy. Still, let us join in this splendid burst of optimism,

"God's in His heaven;
All's right with the world."

But we must add, when all who claim allegiance to Him are His co-workers and are of those who "Never dream, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph."

Over a quarter of a century ago the first financial effort of our Woman's Home Missionary Society was in response to the cry from the desecrated home-life of these valleys. Under the superb leadership of Mrs. Angie F. Newman, Congress was petitioned, Lucy Webb Hayes School-houses were planned, and aggressive work inaugurated, which has been carried forward and enlarged, not as opportunity offered, but as the means of the Society would permit, until to-day we have appropriations for seventeen representatives in this field, with ten good properties for the accommodation of our work. Many children and young people are reached and an occasional adult finds the better way. We are encouraged to hope that the shadows of to-day will be dispersed by the sunlight of to-morrow, which will show the purpose and blessedness of our work. What God would have He paves the way to. Let us rejoice that the eye of the world is upon Utah and that the thought of our own land is aroused from its spirit of slumber.

But the interests and perils of our country are not exclusively centered in the problems of the South or toward the Pacific Slope. Although we find among the Orientals in California not an aggressive element seeking power, it is one that should appeal to the Christian heart as keenly as though they were in their own empires across the seas. We are held doubly responsible for these, for they are at our very doors. Unless we prove true to Jesus Christ here, all is lost in the Orient.

The influence of appeals made to government officials under the Oriental Bureau of this Society, on account of rescue work among Chinese girls, has aroused an inspection of the evil which has reached the Atlantic Coast and is made to include girls of other nationalities.

One of the pitiful dangers to our civilization, the one that it so filled with pathos and sympathy that every sane mind revolts at the wrong and every heart with a trace of humanity will protest against it, is the injustice shown the 450,000 children under sixteen years of age at work to-day in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits in the United States. This does not include the thousands under ten years of age, who sell newspapers and merchandise upon the streets and in the questionable quarters of our cities. This is a menace to our future which should not be simply undermined gradually, but abolished promptly, because it is irrational and subversive of the best development of the child for the noblest citizenship.

And we have, too, the problem of the idle and truant child, the really bad boy or girl, which is said to be our costliest possession. A stranger passing through some of the streets of our cities might readily conclude that through the alluring devices to be seen strenuous efforts are making to produce and maintain this class. Graham Taylor recently said, in picturing these conditions in one of our great cities: "We actually seed down child life in carefully prepared and fostered hot-beds

of vice and crime. Then, when the seed sprouts in the fertile soil of juvenile delinquency, we claim to be horrified by the depth of juvenile depravity." To meet the conditions of child life in these two classes will test the keenest sense of justice and the broadest altruistic spirit.

Special interest, however, centers about our larger cities and the assimilation of their foreign element. The tide of immigration to this country ebbs and flows with the varying degrees of prosperity here and of oppression abroad; greatly increasing when the country is most prosperous and correspondingly diminishing during times of financial depression. It is worthy of note that the average number of immigrants per year is largely increased each succeeding decade, and also that the remarkable prosperity of the nation at the present time is marked by an unprecedented increase in immigration, the number having increased steadily from 230,000 in 1898 to 1,100,000 in 1906.

The distribution of these "incoming millions" is of interest. Something more than 90 per cent of the 1,100,735 admitted during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, went to the North Atlantic and North Central Divisions of the States; 68.3 per cent, or more than two-thirds of the total number, to the North Atlantic States; and 22.1 per cent to the North Central Division. Nearly one-half of the 68.3 per cent that went to the North Atlantic States, or to be more definite, 34 per cent of the *total number admitted,* more than one-third, went to the State of New York alone. Of the 22 per cent to the North Central States more than one-third went to the State of Illinois. Statistics show, also, that the increase in population in these States is confined almost entirely to the cities, and by far the largest proportion to the large cities, notably New York and Chicago.

It must be apparent to every thoughtful mind that the congestion from these alien elements in our large cities, combined with the vice already there, gives rise to one of the most serious problems of our civilization.

"Outstretched their hands to take whate'er we give,
Honor, dishonor, daily bread, or bane;
Not theirs to choose how we may bid them live,
But what we give we shall receive again."

Probably the largest work of our Society, if not the most important, is to grapple with these problems.

In Chicago's Ghetto, in the center of a district of about 32,000, is located the Elizabeth E. Marcy Christian Social Settlement and Industrial Home of our Society. Within five blocks of this Home are six public schools, with an attendance which would average 1,800 each—and in one with an attendance of 1,100 there are only fifty Gentile children. By special permission a Church has been organized in Marcy Home and its Sunday-school is the only Protestant English-speaking one in all this

area. In addition to the religious services there are sixteen distinct departments of work carried on. The kindergarten is said to be one of the finest in the city. Last year 3,281 patients were treated in the free dispensary, their environments being known to the authorities of the Home.

In another section of the city where the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society is active we find forty-two nationalities, thirty-five different languages, and one hundred and fourteen dialects, where practically the same effort in kind is being made. This locality twenty-five years ago had the proud distinction of being the pride and boast of the city. To-day the rows of brown-stone fronts are rooming-houses and the palatial residences, in each of which one well-ordered family found a home, now many families find a staying place. The handsome Church edifice, happily, in some instances is left, but too often the building is considered too valuable in dollars and cents for commercial purposes or the location too desirable for the onward march of trade, and this great mass of people is left unchurched, because the value of a soul in the coin of the realm can not be computed.

No Deaconess Home connected with this Society is attempting or accomplishing as great work along all lines of city evangelization as is the Home in Philadelphia. Situated on Vine Street, facing a fine park, one approaching would involuntarily exclaim, "Beautiful for situation." But unhappily the sunshine and even the large and well-kept glimpse of "God's out-of-doors" do not insure beyond a peradventure the best environment and possibilities for home-life or childhood.

Twenty-five years ago this neighborhood was the residence of the aristocratic families of Philadelphia, well-to-do, Church-going, and Church-loving people. These homes met the same fate as the others mentioned and the locality is peopled by thousands of alien birth and their children crowded in the tenements, the bane of all our large cities.

For the year ending October 1, 1906, the industrial department of this Home had an attendance of 11,644. Special revival services were conducted with an aggregate attendance of 519. The different families represented in the industrial department were 225.

There are more missions of other denominations here than in any similar locality where the Society is active, but the Superintendent, Miss Fowler, says: "None of them withdraw from the field, for every one helped or saved means that much to the Kingdom, and if the district maintains its reputation in spite of these sources of help, what would it be without them?"

Fourteen years ago there was a work begun under the auspices of our Society in this city of Boston, founded by Prof. Harriet J. Cook, which in its far-seeing and many-sided endeavor has exceeded the sanguine hopes of its friends.

Hull Street Settlement under the shadow of the "Old North Church" is hemmed in by commercial activities and crowded with aliens who have no knowledge of, or care for, the patriotic memories that cluster about America's "Cradle of Liberty."

Twenty-eight thousand foreigners are within the reach of this settlement and only the children playing in the streets speak the English language. The Italians and the Russian Jews compose the greatest number. Miss Cook says that there came during the past year 11,018 to their morning clinics, and 10,000 men, women, and children came under the influence of this Christian settlement within the same time. It is in such work as this that sociology and philanthropy find their best practical manifestation.

Similiar work to that mentioned is carried forward by our deaconesses and missionaries in our smaller cities, and in these the needs are proportionally as great. At the third annual meeting of this Society, Mrs. John Davis, the first Vice-President, responding to the fraternal greetings from seven Churches and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said: "There is a powerful foe to overcome. We, members of this Grand Christian Army of the Republic, must lock arms with each other for his overthrow." And this spirit has prevailed in all the work described. Mutual helpfulness, rather than hindrance, does characterize all efforts in the Master's work.

The seven weeks' Vacation Bible Schools is a unique evangelizing agency, introduced into the tenement districts of New York City four years ago by Dr. R. G. Boville. The Federation of Churches of the city has recently adopted the work. Last year 1,800 children were in the twenty-three schools, their teachers the most cultured and refined young men and women from the colleges and universities. Upon Commencement Day in the Metropolitan Temple the climax came when the flag-bearer from each school mounted the platform and 1,800 children, of every kindred and nation, swore allegiance to the flag and sang "America." Who can measure the good resulting from this work of two hours in the morning, devoted to moral and religious training in these schools where the Bible and its beautiful lessons are the prominent feature, and what an impetus and new charm may be given to the untiring, persistent efforts of the established Christian mission in these localities.

The Federation of Churches in New York City is asking for a half day in each week for moral training, and from sentiments expressed before the National Educational Association last summer in Los Angeles, many are hopeful of the measure. One of the prominent educators insisted upon "the *need* of such moral training in the schools as well as the propriety of it." Our commissioner of education said: "That while this problem of moral training in the schools is thickly set with difficulties we know that in this field we must do a work and reach results

which to the present day would appear impossible." And this feeling led educators and public-spirited men in London a year ago to hold a conference, with a view to eventually organizing an international committee on "moral training."

Against this sentiment we shall have determined effort from a class in our country, who demand by resolution in their federations, "The elimination of all religious teaching in the public schools and the abolition of all those clearly unconstitutional measures which are wrongly called Sunday laws, and that all laws looking to the enforcement of Christian morality shall be abrogated, that all laws shall be conformed to the requirements of natural morality, equal rights, and impartial liberty." But with the schools and the Churches united upon any measure no power on earth shall prevail against them.

The spirit of the Scriptures, the mission of Christ to the world, and the lesson of his life is to teach us to know, to love, and to do. When the awakening came to the soul of Paracelsus through the "still voice," it taught him that if we would know the great things we must love. But, surely, if we would know the highest joy we must do.

When Lord Shaftesbury was being borne to his last resting place banners were carried in the procession reading, "I was sick and ye visited Me," "I was an hungered and ye gave Me meat," "I was in prison and ye came unto Me." This good man knew the blessedness of knowledge, the victory of love, the joy of doing.

It is the heart and the earnestness that we give to Christian endeavor that brings to us the power of achievement. Gethsemane and Calvary assure us of the earnestness and heart of Christ for us. My thought turns to the soulful longing of Tennyson when he wrote:

> "Flower in the crannied wall,
> I pluck you out of the crannies:
> Hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
> Little flower—but if I could understand
> What you are, root and all, and all in all,
> I should know what God and man is."

It is said that Tennyson was once walking with Fields, your own James T. Fields, when he spied violets in the grass. He fell upon his knees and shouted: "Violets, violets, violets, this is God's altar. Let us worship Him!" Can we not with Tennyson's purity and strength of spiritual feeling, as we pass through the congested streets of our cities' poor and look into the faces of the children and Christ's needy ones, cry out, "Souls, souls, souls, *here* is God's altar, let us worship Him." We see God in the sunshine and in the storm; He appeals to us in the thunder and the whirlwind, but is He not as truly in the tremen-

dous problems before this nation to-day, which must be brought to a righteous solution through those who love Him?

The Woman's Home Missionary Society begins its second quarter of a century with a membership of 92,000 Christian women: 600 missionaries and deaconesses in their blessed ministrations; 18,000 Queen Esthers, the choicest young women of our Churches; the children in line, with their faces full of prophecy; an official monthly paper having 30,573 subscribers, which should be 92,000 at least; and an illustrated children's paper with 16,656 subscribers; a prescribed course of reading for its Reading Circles, and other literature to enlighten and inspire; a million and a half of property values; and, besides, the coming year will see the completion of the $200,000 Silver Thank-offering in addition to the support of the work. All this the result of the convictions and the courage, the faith and the prayers of a few consecrated women who met one memorable day in Cincinnati and effected this organization; women who knew and loved and had the spirit of doing.

Napoleon wanted one hundred men to take a pass in the mountains. He said to the regiment: "I can use only a hundred and I will tell you the truth before you volunteer. Probably every one of you will fall in the charge, *but I must have you.* Forward the one hundred!" Not only the one hundred, but the whole regiment rushed forward and rang their rifles at his feet.

Do we not hear with a new inspiration, a clearer and broader vision, the call, Forward the line for the Master's work! And shall we not lay at His feet our weapons of a better warfare, our money, our time, our gifts and graces, our souls' noblest—powers, ourselves—and win America for Him, and through America the world?

REPORTS FROM BUREAUS.

GEORGIA.

Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

It was almost the time for the opening of the Home in the fall of 1906, when the terrible and unjustifiable riot broke out in Atlanta A number of innocent negroes and one or two white men were victims. A feeling of terror took possession of the hearts of the poor colored people, and numbers fled the place and did not return. Among these were some who had children in the kindergarten. This made a difference with the attendance in the early part of the term, but later the places were filled with others.

The building just outside the grounds, in which the kindergarten was housed, and in which some of the teachers and girls had rooms, was sold early in the year and the question of providing for these was quite a serious one for a time. On account of the riot some students did not return to Clark University, and so a little later sufficient rooms were offered us in Warren Hall, and so all were provided for. This year the University has filled up, and we can not have this accommodation. As a consequence there is a serious lack of room for our work and workers. Over fifty young women have been turned away. There is no way to meet the pressure that is upon us but to provide the additional building which has been so long talked about and partially planned for. I trust the need of this will be so laid upon all our hearts that the resolution will be made to at once plan for this building, and with a contract to have it completed in time for next fall opening. We can then open our doors to at least twice our present number of boarding students and a greatly enlarged industrial equipment. It is certainly to be regretted that young women of our own Church, many of them the daughters of faithful preachers and having ability and promise, should be compelled to seek the industrial training they desire in the schools of other denominations, or else forego altogether this opportunity of culture. The denomination which supplies the training usually harvests the results. As the land upon which it is proposed to erect this building has become the property of our Society, by deed from the Freedman's Aid Society, the last obstacle to building has been removed, except the gathering of the money.

All the work done in this Home is of the first quality and it excels in nothing so much as in character building. One of the young women who graduated in May has gone to Africa as the wife of a missionary, thus making the fourth one who has gone from this Home to the African mission field.

The expenses of this work were $3,825.88, and the total income from all sources was $3,905.20.

Haven Home, Savannah, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The moving of the school entirely out of the house at the beginning of last year gave increased accommodations for the boarding and industrial departments of the work. The alterations necessary for this and the additional household furnishings required, made quite a bill of expense, which required considerable planning and struggling to meet, as there was no appropriation to cover it. Everything has been paid for, however, except the work done this fall. We had fifty boarding pupils, and almost three hundred in day school. We are already full for this year and steadily refusing applicants. The work has opened finely and with promise of a successful year. The school grows beyond our power to provide for it. There are thousands of negro children in Savannah for whom no provision is made in the public schools and we can have all we want, or can provide room for. One thing these poor people desire above everything else is an education for their children and they will go hungry to pay for it.

Our workers of last year remain except one young teacher whom we had for recitations. Her place is filled with a teacher who gives full time, and we also have a teacher for the kindergarten. This department is an experiment, but we have little doubt of its success.

When the school building was finished there was left a large, undivided room on the second floor, with the expectation of adding another division to the school in the near future. This room I have now had made into two, one of which is occupied with the new division and the other with the kindergarten. This utilizes all the space. There has been cost for the division, for desks for one room, and for furniture, and supplies for the kindergarten. We have also had to purchase a new Baker, as the one in use so long has become useless. These were expenses that could not wait, but had to be arranged for before the opening.

We received from board of pupils and teachers, and from day school, $2,169.69. We received in scholarship money only $544 of the $875 asked. This was embarrassing, as more of it had been promised, and it was all needed. I greatly hope that this fund for Haven will receive much larger contributions this year, for we must depend upon it to help us over the hard places. Had we received the money asked we could have repaired and painted the roof, which greatly needs to be done, and for which we had planned.

Speedwell Home (formerly Mary Haven).

(Scholarship, $50.)

This work has developed to such an extent that it became necessary to enlarge the building for the accommodation of the growing day school and industrial classes, as well as to make the Home more convenient and comfortable. Our thrifty missionary has accomplished this without aid from the Society. The work is completed except a small amount of painting and papering. It will be necessary to immediately renew the large timbers which support the foundations of the house, as they have rotted away. This will be quite an expense, but we hope to pay for it by money from our patrons. The work is in a good, healthy condition and is a great blessing to the locality.

We met with a sad loss during the summer vacation in the death of a colored man who lived near, and who has been a loyal helper since

the work was started. It was in his home that the first Sunday-school was held in that neighborhood. It was a small log house, and the older people sat on boxes and kegs, and the children on the dirt floor, while Mrs. Lewis and Miss Baldwin opened up the Scriptures and taught them the way of life. Mr. Kemp and his wife were the first converts, and ever since have been stanch friends. They would have given their lives at any time in the defense of our missionaries had it been necessary. Nothing was ever too much to do, and this faithful man will be much missed by our worker there and by the little Church of which he was a member.

We had an enrollment of sixty-four in day school, a large number sewing pupils, a number of night scholars, and four girls in the Home. The people out of their poverty pay the best they can and are grateful for the opportunities we bring them. Miss Troutner is necessarily the head of Church work and Sunday-school, in addition to her own work, and is a very busy woman. MRS. G. E. PALEN, *Secretary.*

FLORIDA.

Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

It was my very great pleasure and privilege last February, in company with our efficient and beloved Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Williams, to visit a number of our Homes in the Southland, including the Florida Bureau, of which I have the honor of being Secretary.

There had been a number of changes in the corps of workers in Boylan Home, but a most excellent spirit of harmony prevails, and a commendable zeal and enthusiasm which gave promise of large success. The day school enrolled three hundred and sixty-five pupils, and every grade was full to overflowing; many were turned away on account of lack of room. The Home has had more applications this year than ever before. There has been an average of forty-five girls in the Home.

On account of the fire at the hospital, which completely disabled one of the buildings, we were compelled to vacate the brick house where we had a large sitting-room, provided for two teachers and eight girls. In making room for these in the other buildings, which were crowded before, necessitated the ocupying of every nook and corner and uncomfortably crowding our workers. Our loyal corps of teachers uttered no complaints, worked on cheerfully and faithfully, doing most excellent and satisfactory work.

The closing exercises of the year were of unusual interest. Four of our young ladies composed the graduating class. Their proficiency reflects great credit on the Faculty.

Special attention has been given the sewing department and excellent results have obtained. Two hundred and seventy-four garments have been made. This department brought into our treasury $176.

The spiritual interests have been made prominent. Friday afternoon prayer meeting is most helpful. There have been a number of happy conversions. The influence of this Home is being felt not only throughout the State of Florida, but adjoining States.

The location of our school, occupying a whole square near the heart of the city, is all that we could desire, but our buildings are altogether inadequate. They were originally erected for dwelling houses. Considerable expense has been incurred in making changes in them and enlarging, adapting them as far as possible to the work in hand. Most of them

have been built a number of years and are now a source of constant expense for repairs. We must at the earliest possible date make other arrangements. We have purchased new lots in another part of the city with a view of putting up new buildings which will be especially adapted for the enlargement and successful carrying forward of the great work which our Society has undertaken in that locality. We hope to realize sufficient amount from the present location to provide for this. We endeavor to economize on all lines of expenditure and are glad to report our finances in good condition and being carefully looked after.

BREWSTER HOSPITAL AND NURSE TRAINING-SCHOOL.

Since the fire the hospital has occupied the brick house; an operating room has been fitted up there at quite a little outlay, but nothing has been put in except what was absolutely necessary. The necessity for this hospital is demonstrated by the fact of the large number of patients which overtax its capacity. There is scarcely a day that there is not one or more surgical operations and it would seem that twice the capacity would not be sufficient to care for these necessitous cases. We have nine young women in the nurse training department and quite a number of well-equipped girls who are on the waiting list to come in as soon as there is an opening. There has been considerable district nursing. The white and colored physicians are treated alike, both allowed to bring their patients to the hospital when there is room. The colored doctors, who seem well prepared, are delivering the course lectures.

SETTLEMENT WORK.

This is an unusually needy field, being in a community that seems to have been largely neglected. It lacks communication and seems as though it was shut away from the rest of the world. Our superintendent and teachers there are called upon to make unusual sacrifice and show a devotion to the work which can be found only in those who have heard the Lord's call to the duty. This school is as "a city set upon the hill" throughout that community and is wielding an influence for good that can not be estimated.

Emerson Memorial Home and School, Ocala, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Shadow and shine marked the school year of 1906-07 of this progressive, successful Home. Miss Welsh, one of our most faithful and devoted workers, who had been with us almost from the starting of the school, passed from labor to reward in March, after an illness of three weeks. The conduct of our pupils during these trying weeks was worthy of much praise. The work that dropped from her dying hands was courageously lifted and carried by her co-workers, and we closed May 31st a most successful school year.

We enrolled our full number, for the most part very intelligent, promising girls, who made good use of their opportunities. We were also favored by a year of unusual good health among the pupils. Only two cases of serious illness occurred, both patients recovered.

Financially, the year's record of our patrons was a fine one. The thirty-five pupils contributed $1,570 for their own support, being about $45 on an average for each pupil.

Much interest was shown in the religious work of the Home. Six pupils professed conversion.

Miss C. M. Buckbee, the Superintendent, says: "Thirteen years of work in this field, involving a pretty thorough knowledge of the progress and condition of the colored people of Florida, enables me to assure our friends of the North that their labors in this field are being richly repaid. The colored people are buying homes, educating their children, supporting their Churches, and accumulating property. The privilege of the State still makes illiteracy very common, for the public schools are and will be for some time both few in number and poor in quality, but improvement is steady and industrial schools never more popular or more highly appreciated. Only ignorance and prejudice keep up the cry that the work among our Southern colored people is barren of results. It is one of our most encouraging mission fields."

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Secretary.*

EAST CENTRAL STATES.

Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Forty-one years ago Mrs. Sarah Walker, of the New England Conference, began the work at Camden, S. C., and after the formation of our Society transferred the work, so well begun, to us. At that time four splendid New England women were placed in charge, one of whom, Miss Russell, remains to this day. The spirit of thrift and economy and high intellectual and spiritual culture which these women brought with them has never departed from this Home; their mantle has fallen upon worthy successors. In this day, when the moral *delinquencies* of the colored race are so constantly before our eyes, it may be worthy of note that in this school, where each year from two to three hundred boys and girls, young men and young women, have been in close association, there has never been a case for serious discipline. And this escape from discipline has not been because of any lack of close observation—the insight and oversight of character and conduct has been constant and it would seem unerring.

During the past year 265 pupils have been in attendance in the school, and seventy-nine girls resident in the Home. After graduation, our pupils are fitted to enter the colleges open to their race, such as Atlanta, Claflin, Hampton, or Howard—some are now instructors in these colleges. Six of our girls have of late graduated from hospitals as trained nurses. Three of our graduates are assistant teachers in the school, and many are teaching in the country schools and are bringing about a higher standard of education in these schools. At the Jamestown Exposition, one of our graduates was placed in charge of a part of the Negro exhibit.

From our tuition last year we paid the salary of the janitor, two assistant teachers, and supplemented the salaries of the matron and a third teacher, beside making improvements costing about $200.

The plantation schools at Wesley and Ephesus, wholly supported by New England and New England Southern, are transforming the communities of colored people within a radius of six miles of these stations. They are *the* centers of attraction for that region, and the home life on these plantations is largely benefited by the instruction given in our industrial and Sabbath-schools.

Allen Home and Lurandus Beech Industrial School, Asheville, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

With the opening of our new school building, the work at this point has increased in interest. During the past year 165 pupils were enrolled in the day school, and fifty-nine girls were in the Home.

Through the help of friends at Asheville and elsewhere, we have been able to equip our domestic science department. A model kitchen and dining-room has been arranged in the school building, and regular instruction given in this line by Miss Belle Jones, one of our graduates, and later a graduate of the Biltmore School of Domestic Science.

Miss Alexander, another of our graduates, who has served acceptably as matron for the last three years, leaves us to marry, but we have another graduate, equally well prepared, ready to take her place, Miss Lola King.

Last spring the Home was painted, and a fence placed about the grounds, greatly improving the appearance of our property.

More girls have applied for admittance to the Home this year than we can accommodate, and the school building will be crowded to its utmost capacity. Our devoted superintendent, Mrs. Dole, who has been in charge of this work for more than twenty years, is again pleading for more room, more furnishings, more scholarships. The religious life of the Home and school centers about the little Church, once meeting in our chapel, but now across the way in their own building, and our girls carry to a large extent the work in the Sabbath-school and Epworth League.

Simpson Home, Orangeburg, N. C.

Owing to continued difficulties in the administration of the work at Simpson Home, and the growing conviction that the work at Claflin University should be entirely under the control of the Faculty of that institution, the Board of Trustees instructed me to close the Home and dispose of the property to the best advantage. The site was leased ground and reverted to the university. Our buildings were disposed of at the nominal price of $600, which has been paid into the treasury.

I think that you will be glad to know that the usefulness of our buildings has not ceased—the Home is now a business college, and our domestic science building is a kitchen, where self-boarding pupils of Claflin can obtain good, warm food at the lowest prices.

The furnishings and equipment were divided between Browning and Allen Homes.

(MRS.) E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary.*

WEST CENTRAL STATES.

The Elizabeth Ritter Home and Caroline Frazer Hall.

(Scholarship, $50.)

(Reported by MRS. D. L. WILLIAMS.)

This Home, located upon a part of the original campus of the Grant University, at Athens, Tennessee, has had a prosperous year. The entire enrollment was something more than one hundred, which much exceeded the comfortable capacity of the house, notwithstanding as many applications have been refused as have been accepted. The dining-room,

sewing room, and study room have for several years been much overcrowded, to say nothing of the dormitories. The Board of Trustees last summer voted the building of an annex, on condition that the money for it be raised without subtracting from other pledges. The annex has been built, a beautiful four-story hall, 60 x 34 feet, at right angles to the rear extension of the Ritter Home but parallel to the main building, with light on all sides, and having a clear view of the mountains of three States—West Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. On the ground floor is the new dining-room, nearly fifty feet long by thirty-four wide, which will seat one hundred girls. In its rear is a serving room, a lavatory, the hallway to the kitchen, and the entrance hall and stairs. The dining-room is lighted by sixteen windows.

On the second floor is the chapel, also to be used as a study room. This is the same size as the dining-room, and will have a hundred desks and seats. In the rear of this is an office, cloak-room, hall, and stairs.

The third and fourth floors have each eight sleeping rooms, each room having its closet. There is a bathroom on each of these floors. The former dining-room becomes the sewing room, the former sewing room the hospital room, and the study room, when furnished, is to be the girls' parlor. A beautiful porch connects the two buildings on the exterior, and hallways on the interior.

A good brick boiler and coal room has been built in the rear, in which has been installed a hot water heating plant for all the buildings, including the laundry; furnishing not only heat, but hot water to the bathrooms and laundry. The old laundry, which was built seventeen years ago of the refuse lumber after the Ritter Home was built, was too small, and so much decayed that it had to be practically rebuilt. The builders thought it cheaper to tear down and build again than to enlarge and repair foundations, floor, and roof. This was done, and an additional lot bought for the building and clothes yard, at a cost of $800, $400 of which is paid. The laundry building is large enough so that it is also a store room, and one end of it is a gymnasium. The girls have no room on the campus for exercise, and some physical training is, for most of the students, a necessity. They need to be taught how to breathe, how to walk, and how to carry themselves, so as to conserve their health and strength. Taken from the strenuous life of the farm and forest, as many of them are, they suffer from the constant indoor life. So we have provided an exercise room.

Ritter Home has undergone thorough repairs, consisting of several new floors where they were badly worn, repairs of roof and water pipes, tearing out the old plumbing which led to a water tank on the roof, and putting in new, connecting with the city water works; fitting up two bathrooms and connecting them with the heating plant; repairing the old walks, and putting in new ones where required; rebuilding the outdoor closets and putting in plumbing to connect them with the city water, and, so far as possible, making the entire premises clean and sanitary. The improvements have necessarily been expensive, as every one knows they must be for such a large building, when labor and material are so high-priced.

The contract price for the annex extension was $9,900. We had $6,000 in the treasury, the gift of Mrs. Horr, of Toledo, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Caroline Frazer, of Sidney, Ohio, one of the saints. Our friends have contributed about $3,000, besides one pledge of $2,500 not yet paid. So that enough will have been paid, when the pledges are paid in, to cover the cost of the annex; but this money has been used

as required to pay bills for improvements and for the extension of the site, as well as for the building. Four rooms have been named by Auxiliaries and Circles. The Ritter Home girls name one room for $100, $50 of which they have paid, and they have put in the sideboard.

The repairs upon Ritter Home, the heating plant, and the new laundry and closets are largely still to be paid for, but it is hoped that much of this will come in as outside gifts, so as not to tax our burdened treasury. Our chapel and dining-room, and our hospital room, which is 17 x 31 feet, are still to be named—the chapel for $2,500; the dining-room for $1,000, and the hospital room for $500. It has been necessary to sacrifice one room on the first floor of Ritter Home to make an open way into the annex. There is now a broad and fine hall connecting the two which can be named for $100.

We hope our friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to put their name and approval upon a beautiful enterprise, and at the same time "Lend a hand." When payment is completed, we shall have a property worth $40,000, in which both the Society and the Church may take a justifiable pride. We scarcely realize what it means to the highland people, both ministers and laity, to have such an institution near them, in which their daughters can be safely housed and instructed in all the domestic employments, as well as have the opportunity of learning what a sweet, well-appointed Christian home is like, while they are getting at least a common school education. I want to say, in commendation of our girls, that they show their training. The improvement can be seen from week to week. They become quiet and gentle in manner and responsive to all good influences. In the atmosphere of the Home they seem naturally to take up the Christian life and Christian duties. One can not but fall in love with them when one sees how loyal and earnest they are.

I ought to say that the management has been so economical that Mrs. Chapman had saved the past year $1,000 toward the furnishing of Frazer Hall and refurnishing of Ritter Home.

Dear women, give us your "yards of pennies" to help us on our repairs and to complete our furnishings. Our school desks cost us four dollars each, and we require sixty of them. Remember, a mile of pennies is only 1,760 yards, and anybody, even a child, can get a yard. There must be 1,760 people in each Conference that would gladly give a yard of pennies. And a mile is $880. A few miles would be a wonderful help just now.

Be as generous in your gifts of student aid as you have been in the past—even more so, for we shall have more students, and with God's blessing we shall give you ample returns for your money in the making of noble Christian women.

Kent Industrial Home, Greensboro, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

We had a good year. Health and harmony prevailed. At the close of the school year work was begun to enlarge the house. Our superintendent remained to oversee the work. The dining-room was enlarged, the old laundry added to the kitchen, and a new laundry built on. This part of the house was carried up two stories, giving us two new chambers. This addition makes possible our new department of domestic science, and we also have much better laundry accommodations, with our set tubs and new laundry stove.

This addition to the house is a memorial to Mrs. Adelaide M. Barnett, of the Newark Conference, a sister beloved and still sadly missed from our ranks.

Mrs. Colburn, our faithful superintendent, remains for another year, while Miss Lacy takes the place of Miss Bryan in the sewing department, and Miss Edwards has the cooking department.

All bills for last year, including the addition to the building, are paid, coal purchased for the coming year, and a small balance on hand to open the Home.

New Jersey Conference Home, Morristown, Tenn.

(Scholarship, $50.)

We had an unusually promising class of girls entering the Home this year, and good work has been done.

Under Miss Rachel Jefferson's careful management, the sewing department has been self-supporting. We are greatly indebted to the kind friends who sent us sewing machines, which have been a great help in our work. Our house is in good condition, and the affairs of the Home are managed in an economical and thorough manner. All bills are paid and enough on hand to purchase coal for another year and meet the opening expenses of the Home. Miss Johnson, who is an ideal superintendent, remains another year.

The secretary, in leaving this office, desires to thank all the loyal, generous supporters of this work who have made her task easy and bespeaks for her successor your continued co-operation.

MRS. T. PRESCOTT FROST, *Secretary.*

MISSISSIPPI.

E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Faithful did our teachers stand through last year at E. L. Rust Home, which was full to its capacity, the enrollment being twenty-six girls through the year, who gave evidence of thorough training, both in domestic and literary examinations.

The work of the sewing classes was especially commendable.

It will be remembered that, in my report to this body last year, I spoke of the necessity of enlarging our building, so as to care for a larger number of girls, as every year the applications far exceed the ability to accommodate.

The Home was opened the first of October, and the superintendent, Miss Ella Becker, is now overseeing the enlargement of the house by raising and re-roofing, so as to secure more rooms, and thereby thirty-six instead of twenty-six girls, will be housed this year.

Great interest is taken in Rust Home by our colored sisters of the North Mississippi Conference, and one hundred dollars has been raised by them and turned over to the secretary of the Bureau to help pay for the improvements now being made.

Mrs. Dr. Logan, the Conference Secretary of North Mississippi Conference, is present with you at this time, and I bespeak for her an opportunity to tell the Convention what E. L. Rust Home stands for in that Conference.

For E. L. Rust Home we ask pledges for at least eight scholarships.

Bennett Home, Clarkson, Miss.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The enrollment last year was forty-six, with a monthly average attendance of thirty.

There is a growing appreciation among the patrons of our Home and School at Clarkson, Miss., of the splendid opportunities the Woman's Home Missionary Society is giving their children in the way of domestic science, culture, and educational advantages. This is evidenced by their not only sending their boys and girls to us, but also by their pledging what they can of money for the enlargement of the work.

With this financial help, we were able to make some improvement at Bennett Home this summer, when the building was repainted.

A change in administration has been effected, and the supervision of the whole work—Bennett Home, Bennett Academy, and Dickson Hall—is under one financial head, Prof. C. H. Wertenberger, president of Bennett Academy, with Mrs. C. H. Wertenberger, superintendent of Bennett Home, and Mrs. S. J. Jones, matron of Dickson Hall.

The work opened September 1st auspiciously, forty girls now being in the Home.

The walls of Bennett Home have never had another finish put on since the first, and material is now on hand to tint each room with a sanitary wall finish, which will add very much to the beauty of the house.

For Bennett Home we ask pledges for fifteen scholarships.

Plans are now being made to build an electric plant, so that all of the buildings can be lighted by electricity, and so do away with kerosene lamps, which are a constant menace to the buildings, and other improvements are contemplated.

Bennett Academy.

Bennett Academy has never had such an opening as this fall. The first day one hundred and fifty-five were enrolled. Five teachers, beside Prof. Wertenberger, are employed. The outlook for the year is fine.

Dickson Hall.

With an addition of thirteen rooms built last year, which will accommodate fifty boys, Dickson Hall is still too small, for many who applied were turned away because there was no room.

The building of a new Dickson Hall in the near future is a necessity, if we are to keep up with the demand for more accommodation for young men anxious to attend our school.

With the hope that liberal pledges will be given to carry on the work of the Bureau for Mississippi, this report is most respectfully submitted.

MRS. HENRY C. HEDGES, *Secretary.*

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.

(Scholarship, $50.)

I am pleased to report progress along the line of our work in Little Rock. While we have needed more money than we have had to use in our work, such appropriations as you have been pleased to give, and such unconditional appropriations as we have received, have all been used to the best advantage. Our girls are doing most excellent work not only in the home-making ideas, with the self-poise they need so much, but best of all they are becoming educated Christian girls and worthy women, and will, we trust, be worthy examples of the work of the school. Could every woman see the sacrifice it costs some of our Christian workers, we would not want for money. Some of us give our lives, our health, and our money to the training of these young women just as fully as does the real mother in the care of her children. I thoroughly believe that the work here is of the greatest importance and deserves your money, your time, and your prayers. The home life here is splendid, for while the most rigid discipline is noticeable at all times, there is also a freedom that is charming; music and laughter everywhere indicate happiness. Superintendent Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth has been obliged to install a new assistant this year, and you have generously granted the increase necessary to make this possible. We will try to give more particulars soon in the *Home Missions*.

Peck School, New Orleans, La.

Our same teachers are here. Miss Lulu M. Wilcox, Superintendent, and Mrs. Mary Hall, teacher of Domestic Science. We are better equipped with our teachers this year than we were last, for both of them not only have had another year's experience, but they have spent all their vacation time preparing for this year's work. Our sewing classes are growing and we can not begin to accommodate in the classes, with full hours given to the work, all who would be glad of a chance. We *need* Peck Home rebuilt. May we not have it next year? Of this you will hear more, I assure you. The new President of New Orleans University, Dr. Wier, is treating us with every courtesy, and we hope to work cordially and harmoniously with the University. Miss Page is still doing a work that few could do, giving advice, teaching Sunday-school, calling upon people in distress, advising people in trouble, in fact, spending her whole time "In His Name," as very few young women could ever do, were they so inclined. Miss Page needs your prayers and your support. She is peculiarly fitted for the work, being a native of New Orleans and raised among the people whom she serves. Do not forget your appropriation to this French and Italian work, for it is as truly God's work as the other work which we have more thoroughly classified

MRS. IRVIN FRENCH, *Secretary.*

TEXAS.

The work in the Bureau for Texas has gone on in an uneventful though prosperous way during the year.

King Home, Marshall, Texas.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The attendance at King Home was normal, and all departments did most excellent work. There were about thirty who completed the different courses of instruction. The moral tone was very high and gratifying.

The domestic science department had a class in the colored public school of Marshall, taught by the senior girls, who gave practical demonstrations, which gave great satisfaction and profit. So much so that the Board of Education sent a note of praise and appreciation to Miss Robertson.

Our premises are kept in good condition. A number of minor repairs have been made, and some furnishing done. While our needs are not many, those we have are imperative. A short time ago I received orders from the city authorities to have bathrooms placed in the house, and all water connections made with the new city sewerage just inaugurated. The cost was estimated at $841. After some correspondence, the amount was reduced, and, with what I have on hand, I still need $500 to meet the expenditure we were compelled to incur. We secured time in which to make our payments. This notice came to me after I had asked for my appropriations, and was something which I could not anticipate. I am, therefore, compelled to ask the ladies to pledge $500 extra on this plumbing. This is not a matter of choice, but of compulsion, and I know you will all be glad to come to my relief. This will be a much needed sanitary improvement when completed.

We also need two rooms for our domestic science classes.

Miss Clyde, our domestic science teacher, resigned at the close of the year, and Miss Grace E. McDonald, a graduate of a Boston domestic science school, with both culture and experience, was secured to take her place. She is now on the field.

The school opened with forty-three boarding pupils and 177 in all the classes, which is a fine beginning. Miss Robertson will doubtless have time to tell you many things of interest to us all.

The Eliza Dee Home, Austin, Tex.

(Scholarship, $50.)

We are greatly embarrassed by our success in this Home. We were crowded beyond our capacity; so much so that three slept in one bed. The same conditions exist this year, except that we will have only two in one bed. We turned away last year (and have the same experience this year) two for every one we received.

Eight girls completed the dressmaking and plain sewing course. Our Queen Esther Circle has contributed about $30 to the "Silver Offering." The moral and religious instruction in both our Homes has been carefully observed, and results have been apparent. Sisters, when shall we have a new building? It is an imperative necessity.

Do you all understand that the Samuel Huston College gives us a small room (wholly inadequate) for our sewing classes, and that we do not have a room in the Home large enough to accommodate our classes?

We ought to have a millinery department, but we have no room. Many students come for music and millinery, an alliterative combination, if not a natural one. Miss I. Florence Alspaugh takes the dressmaking department, in place of Miss Wheeler. She is a graduate of the Kansas State School, and has entered into the work with enthusiasm and is well

received. Miss King is a careful financier, but she writes me that the prices for all commodities are much higher, and that it will be harder to make ends meet. Miss Robertson, too, has spoken of the rise in prices of foods. It is always a marvel to me how these devoted women do as much as they do toward self-support with the amount they receive.

It is a great joy to know that our pupils are proving beyond question that the negro has capacity for learning, in both industrial and intellectual pursuits. Our students, too, are developing worthy characters, and will go out from our schools to make good and intelligent wives, mothers, and workers in their chosen fields. Only those blinded by prejudice can ignore these facts. It is cheering to read in the September number of "The World of To-day" the following, from an ex-Governor of Georgia: "The white people of Georgia would be grossly recreant to this acknowledged confidence and this trust if they did not give the assurance that every individual black man, with his family, shall be absolutely sure that he will receive justice in his civil rights, his industrial relations, his educational opportunities, and moral and spiritual interests. This the people in Georgia have publicly proclaimed." "In Georgia we are free to announce that all men, irrespective of color, race, or condition, shall be equally exempt from punishment until guilt has been duly ascertained and declared." "In Georgia we insist that the white man and the negro are to be always equal before the law. With us there can be no aristocracy of crime." Christian sentiments these, but alas! in this same State of Georgia it is painful to read that Prof. Dubois, the distinguished scholar and author, could not go into the public library of Atlanta, where he resides, to draw out one of his own books, because he is a negro. The eternal years of truth and righteousness are God's; and in his own good time Christian truth and love will prevail and our work will be crowned with success and this race be lifted.

Out of darkness into the light,
Out of the wrong into the right,
Out of the scorn and bitter fight,
Out from the law that right is might.

(MRS.) LAVANDA GASSNER MURPHY, *Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN THE MOUNTAINS OF ALABAMA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

The Rebecca McClesky Home, Boaz, Ala.

(Scholarship, $50.)

When I came before you last year it was to ask only for help for the finishing and furnishing of our attic. But great disaster fell upon us, and our Home was burned shortly after the annual meeting.

At first we felt crushed by such a calamity, but while it brought many hardships in its train, the spontaneous and speedy response to our need showed us the silver lining to this cloud. The brave, sweet spirit in which both teachers and pupils met their loss of personal effects and comfortable quarters was an inspiration which gave us strength to "serve another day." Now we offer to you a better building and a larger enrollment. We have tried to improve upon the old by making it as near fireproof as is possible, with added conveniences and facilities for work. But we must ask for more funds to meet the added expense.

The Lord was indeed gracious to us in saving all our girls and permitting us to go on with the work, with only an interruption of two days in school. This, you must know, required great generalship, as well as herculean efforts, as there were ninety-four in the Home, and most of them lost all their belongings. The generosity of Mr. Weston and the boys in giving up their dormitory for our use, and the warm-hearted hospitality of the citizens in Boaz, who opened up their homes and cared for the girls during the first days of disruption, will ever remain as bright spots in the memory of us all. The girls made good progress in their work, and before the year closed most of them enlisted under the banner of Christ. Five of them spent their vacation doing settlement work in cotton mill towns. One of our graduates becomes the wife of a Northern gentleman who chanced to visit the Home, and there met his fate. Another is at Rust Hall. So, during the short life of this Home its influence is extending, and it will indeed become a city set upon a hill to illumine many lonely and neglected corners.

The Ebenezer Mitchell Home, near Lenoir and Hudson, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

There is naught to chronicle here but progress. Our two missionaries can no longer complain of being "wearied looking at each other." The walls of the Home have expanded and the family increased from four to thirty. Through the generosity of Mrs. Mitchell, and other friends, there was money in the Treasury, so the improvements were undertaken with great pleasure. And they not only have a living-room, where all may assemble, but a "sure enough" kitchen, with pantry, and a laundry, through which we have piped water from the branch. The spring which supplied the drinking water gave out, and we have had to dig a well. The much-needed team and wagon were secured, so the household is now in touch with town and a doctor. The isolation and distance from base of supplies made this a necessity. The boys in the Home not only have cut the wood and made the garden, but care for the horses. They cleared our cornfield of rocks to build a foundation under the Home.

The schoolhouse stands upon the slope of another hill and about one thousand feet distant. We hope to make much-needed improvements here another year.

With a family of thirty in the Home to train, and twenty day pupils, do you not think these good women have hands and hearts both full? A second summer they have given up their vacation to remain at their post; and have not only superintended the improvements, but have done the cooking for the workmen, who had to come from Lenoir, seven miles away. So do we find our faithful missionaries continually doing work unscheduled. Sowing "in season and out of season" for love of Him.

MRS. O. P. MCCARTY, *Secretary.*

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

The community, or neighborhood, schools of the Blue Ridge Conference are an important factor in arousing an interest in education in the communities where they are taught.

Where people have had, at the most, but two or three months of school each year, according to the amount of the public-school fund,

and three schools taught in the most barren and uncomfortable school houses with no appliances, and with teachers entirely incompetent, it is but natural that school opportunities should be but little valued, for they are of little worth.

But when children have the privilege of attending a school in a comfortable building, taught by a competent teacher, who has some adequate idea of a good school, the parents and children respond; and every such school becomes an educational searchlight.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has had five such schools under the care of the Presiding Elders in western North Carolina the past year, at a cost to the Society of $410. All reports indicate that this money has been well invested.

(MRS.) DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Chairman of Committee.*

WORK FOR AMERICAN HIGHLANDERS.

During the past few months the Sunday-schools all over the land have been studying the life and character of Moses, that wonderful man of God. He stands out one of the perpetual landmarks of history, embodying noble, true, unselfish manhood. Has it impressed you how often it was upon the mountain top that Moses' victories were won? It was on the mountain top God called to him. To the mountain he went for strength when beset by difficulties. It was there wisdom was given him, and inspiration, and patience, and wonderful visions of the future. There he seemed nearer to God. So it always is on the mountains we breathe a clearer, purer atmosphere, and grow larger and stronger in character.

Among our Highlanders here in the Southland we find often fresh, clean minds and hearts, fruitful soil for best ideals and growth of strong Christian character. The young people are quickly responsive to opportunity, and eager to know and live a life in accord with the free, pure atmosphere they breathe.

We are often asked in what way this Committee is helpful to these people. We wish we might answer that we have numerous community schools and homes for the girls, and boys, too. But we hope that will be true in time. Now, the best we can do is to send them a friend, finding out by personal acquaintance *where* they are, and how they may be helped. We have only two consecrated, trained young women now in the field, but they so love the work and the people, and meet every difficulty with such ready tact and sympathy, that their work is blessed indeed.

When young girls are found in homes of poverty and ignorance they are placed in one of our Woman's Home Missionary Society Homes, or when that can not be done, some other way is found to give them Christian and educational advantages. To help these is always a labor of love, and the rapid growth they seldom fail to make in the new way is the greatest of all rewards.

Miss Frickey, who is so well known and loved by the people of East Tennessee, writes from the field:

"The quiet little conferences I have with the young girls when I can get a few of them together, I truly hope proves profitable, because they respond so enthusiastically to every suggestion or effort of mine to help them."

Many different methods are used to give mutual help in little out-of-the-way neighborhoods, such as circulating libraries, mothers' conferences, children's circles, and, where possible, Epworth Leagues, and other social and religious circles formed.

A minister in a mountain district writes to one of our devoted workers who has touched his field of labor: "I can not express my deep gratitude for your helpful ministrations to my people, or my sense of appreciation of your Christian faith and zeal. I pray for you daily for the work's sake."

Miss Hayes, a most zealous worker, has a very large field, extending over much of both Georgia and Alabama. She gives much time to evangelistic work, and God has blessed her labors abundantly. In one isolated community she has opened a home and school that has already started on its work of salvation and education, trusting to the Heavenly Father for means to sustain the work begun in such abundant faith.

Sometimes our work seems to move but slowly, for the people in the Highlands are scattered, and often shy and proud, unaware of the lack of advantages they suffer. It is only personal work, the intimate touch upon their lives, that avails, and this is what we seek to give to them.

For the past year the Secretary of the Committee has been absent most of the time from the field of work, and Mrs. J. L. Atlee has ably and faithfully directed and superintended the work. Mrs. Atlee has always a most happy and helpful influence upon all the young girls with whom she comes in touch, and the success of the past year is due largely to her unerring judgment and faithfulness. We hope much for the year before us, for even as we keep sowing, we shall see the fruition of the seed already fallen upon fertile soil, and be encouraged to fresh devotion and zeal.

MRS. ROBERT J. MILLER, *Secretary.*

UTAH.

Some disappointments, resulting from the failure of expected workers to arrive upon the field, came to us at the very beginning of the year. This unavoidably affected, somewhat, the efficiency of the work and denied us the results we had hoped.

Calmness and steadiness of purpose, the result of a fixed determination to see the right and do it, have not yet found their way into the life and spirit of Utah. The agitation, which is the only purifier of the polluted stream, rife in all departments of political and commercial life throughout the State, and the dominant Church, inevitably effects attendance upon our work in all lines. But it augurs well for the future for—

"Right the day must win,
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

Soon good influences will have the right of way. There is no reason for discouragement, but every reason to stand by the results of the work of years and the promises for the future.

Deaconesses.

Our quota of deaconesses has been full, with the exception of one station—Murray. After untiring efforts we were unable to supply this demand.

The Superintendent of the Mission placed here, in August, a missionary, which relieves us of all responsibility, and our appropriation will be transferred to the support of a deaconess-at-large, whose work will be far-reaching in its results, helpful to the general work, and is greatly needed.

Salt Lake City.—We still have the good fortune to retain as Superintendent of Davis Deaconess Home, Miss Cordelia E. Robinson. She is invaluable.

Miss Ada L. Applegate the coming year will serve but one Church, whereas for years she has been the deaconess for two Churches, and as another expresses it, "has done wonderful work." Her Home study class is a marvel.

Mrs. Grace G. Mettler and Mrs. J. D. Bailiff, from our San Francisco Training-school, entered our work at the beginning of the year, serving Liberty Park and Iliff Churches respectively. They have proven themselves, in these Churches, workmen who needeth not to be ashamed. Mrs. Bailiff resigned the work before the close of the year and returned to her home.

We shall be reinforced the coming year by Miss Gertrude Beecher, a recent graduate from our Training-school in San Francisco. We are confident she will not disappoint her friends, who congratulate us upon securing her good offices.

Miss Inez Bates, a graduate from our Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, entered upon her work for Iliff Church the first of October. Miss Bates comes to us with high testimonials, and we hope much from her work.

In May Miss Harriet E. Lancy resigned her position as deaconess to enter another station as missionary. Miss Lancy had served us with great acceptability for five years, and we were glad not to lose her from the field.

Ogden.—Miss Ida K. Watson has served the Church at Ogden during the year. Full of courage and good works, she writes: "I think Ogden is the best mission field in Utah." And here she will remain.

Missionaries.

Logan.—Miss Lulu Gamble, at Logan, has wrought well her first year in Utah. The pastor in charge speaks highly of her consecration to the work, and asks for her return, which request is cheerfully granted.

Provo.—Miss Josephine Kellogg, at Provo, is indispensable to the life of the little Church. She knows her duty, and does it just so far as she is able.

Mt. Pleasant.—Miss Agnes Bulow, who was stationed seven years in Mt. Pleasant, resigned in April to visit her mother in Denmark. Let us rejoice that she will enter upon Christian work in her own land, that has so long been the victim of the wily Mormon missionary, letting in the light upon his "tracks," as well as "tracts."

Miss Harriet E. Lancy is Miss Bulow's successor. We are glad she is no stranger to Utah conditions. Optimistic in temperament, she will see the sunshine, if there is any, and if she does n't see it, she will make it. We bespeak for her great usefulness in her new field.

Schools.

We have maintained day schools in Moroni, Spring City, and Elsinore. At these stations there is no resident pastor, but preaching service is held weekly at Spring City and Elsinore, while Moroni is visited at the convenience of the pastor.

Moroni.—Miss Kate Thompson, who has just closed her second year at Moroni as teacher, has held, since her associate, Miss Bessie Ross, was transferred to her aid from Spring City, Sabbath evening Bible reading and song service. These meetings have been well attended by the young people, and their good influence can not be estimated.

The day-school has an enrollment of twenty-two. In May Miss Thompson opened a kindergarten, which met with great favor. Twenty children were enrolled and were more than usually prompt and regular in their attendance.

Much to our regret Miss Thompson resigns to take a year's rest in California. She will be succeeded by Miss Myrtil Dean, of Michigan, who has had valuable experience as a teacher, and is a trained teacher along Christian lines.

Spring City.—It was our purpose, in the plans of the year for Spring City, to establish a kindergarten. But our kindergartner failing us, left Miss Ross a stranger to the field and the work without an associate. This brought hardship along all lines. In January Miss Laura Balmer, of Provo, was appointed to assist Miss Ross. Sabbath evening services were at once begun and have continued regularly since, conducted by these young women and their successors in the work.

Our work in Spring City is now in charge of Miss Mabel Dudleston and Miss Jennie Nickelson, both graduates from Foltz Institute, Herkimer, N. Y. Miss Dudleston is a Normal school graduate and kindergartner as well. In July she opened a kindergarten, which soon numbered twenty-five.

Our patrons in Spring City are hoping for a high school. Another year, when we shall have a nucleus from our own school, we shall add this advanced department.

Elsinore.—Our school in Elsinore, under the care of Miss M. Dawson and Miss Zoe Bowers, has been well sustained during the year. Fifty pupils have been in attendance. The high school department opened this year, though small, is encouraging.

Miss Dawson will not return to our work. Her successor is Miss V. W. Clark, a Normal school graduate, and a teacher of experience in the schools of New York State. Miss Clark will open a kindergarten at the close of the school year in May. From all of our kindergarten pupils we have a small tuition, which will, we hope, render this imperative branch of our work self-supporting. Elsinore is to have the inspiration of a bell—the gift of the *Ohio Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.*

At every station, with the exception of Salt Lake City, Sabbath-school has been maintained, industrial classes conducted, all "special days" in the Church calendar observed, and faithful work done to make the regular Church service as pleasant and profitable as possible—all this and much more than I can record has been carried forward by the representatives of our Society in this field.

The past year, as other years, has seen some plans made and defeated—buoyant hopes encouraged, but never realized. This is life. But with no note of discouragement or sound of retreat we open the books of another year. May God be with us! MRS. B. S. POTTER, *Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA SPANISH AND ENGLISH WORK.

Harwood Industrial Home and School, Albuquerque, N. M.

(Scholarship, $70.)

The year for which we bring report had its blessings and cares. A large family was cared for by our teachers. Four of these were new to the field.

It was my privilege to spend a month in the school after the annual meeting in Lincoln, Neb. I found the addition to our buildings furnished space for needed conveniences; these were to be supplied. For the first time our office was provided with a convenient roller-top desk and suitable chair, a comfortable place for our Superintendent to occupy, which, busy with the large correspondence, is so necessary to caring for our work.

Our school-rooms, now fitted with desks and seats by Colorado Conference, needs a long-promised teacher's desk. This provided, and the necessary kindergarten furniture in the little room, made our equipment more complete. As the number of our pupils who were to have music increased, a good piano, on favorable terms, was purchased.

The third-floor dormitory needed more beds. After repairing a number and purchasing others, fitting up home-made dressing tables out of boxes, with cretonne covers, and partitioning a small dressing-room at each end, we found it was possible to have our girls more orderly. A very simple, but a necessary, lavatory was placed in the dormitory.

Our cooking department had to be replenished with needed utensils.

The laundry was only a room, with a broken stove, which was quite unsafe. This was repaired, and adjustable ironing-boards put in, portable benches and washtubs provided.

The dining-room has its needs. Four dozen new chairs and additional service for the girls were purchased. Later, the gift from Plainfield, N. J., consisting of silver and linen for our teachers' table, were much appreciated.

Our barn, only a temporary structure in the beginning, had to be strengthened and repaired in order to have it safe for our chickens and kitchen coal. We were most happy to find the lamps were replaced by electric lights, making our building better lighted and safer. The additional expense not to be considered when the danger and anxiety of our former way of lighting was remembered. The comfort of our heating system saved us from sickness among the children.

Thus, after a month of close attention to the needs, and an outlay of a considerable sum that had been collected for our building debt, we were grateful, and only that our plumbing had to wait for more money, we would have been happy.

The city authorities have required us to place a fire escape from either end of our third-floor dormitory. The fire escape will cost $400, and the bill is looked for any day.

We should own the lots at the rear of our property, and we are looking for gifts to enable us to purchase them.

The work was carefully systematized with gratifying results. Our primary teacher enjoyed her kindergarten class, and was thus able to give two of the girls, of our advanced grade, the training that will be most helpful to them in future. A very happy school year closed with a desire expressed by all to return next year.

Our Superintendent, Miss Duncan, had overestimated her strength

in entering upon the duties involved in the care of the work. She was glad to continue until the close of the school year, and at the opening of the new term left with sincere regret.

Miss Hehn, our teacher in domestic science, resigned to take a position nearer her home. Miss Newhouse was unfitted for continued service by ill-health.

Thus we must introduce new workers. Miss Cora E. Blood is now our Superintendent. Miss Edna Reilly, of Northfield, Minn., takes her place as school principal, and with Miss Iva Salter, kindergartner, all opens favorably. With new workers in the other positions we are sure of continued good work among our girls.

El Paso, Texas.

We are sorry to have no advance to report at this point. Our land increases in value. The Mission is needed, but we are waiting for the money to build. Who will help the cause at this point?

Our School at Tucson.

It was most providential for the school in Arizona that Mrs. A. M. Whitson was secured as Associate Secretary. Her ability to correspond with the preachers of our Mission in their own language made it clear to them that this movement was for their children. The result was that our five-room cottage, with tent dormitory, was crowded. They were happy; discomforts and inconveniences were ignored. The greatest sorrow is that many must be denied the privilege of this school until we get our building.

After a very satisfactory term of four months our school closed with interesting exercises by our girls and a very creditable exhibition of their work. With regret and a hope of returning, all but five of our girls went home. While one teacher was absent on her vacation, it became necessary to seek another place for our school. It was found, and with the thermometer at ninety-nine degrees, our tents and belongings were moved to the corner of Tenth and Fremont Avenue. The new location is desirable, and near the land we own and hope soon to build upon.

Now the fall term is open. Twenty girls enrolled. The new house has larger rooms. A tent has been given by the English Church, and serves as a school-room during the day and a dormitory at night. When the windstorms rage this will be very uncomfortable. Our organ gave out, and we have a good second-hand piano; we are paying monthly installments on it. Our girls love music and are quite artistic, as well as becoming intelligent and useful.

This one school for our Mission in Arizona appeals for the money to build. A building plan of Spanish design has been submitted, and we are looking for the privilege of placing this needed institution in the vicinity of the University of Arizona. Tucson is a growing and beautiful city; only needs water in abundance to make it tropical.

Dear friends, these girls are worth your sympathy and gifts. Help us in this long-delayed work for our Church. We made gifts of silk American flags to those who excelled in work at each of our schools, and were surprised at the eagerness to become possessor of these emblems of loyalty. This is the spirit we must encourage and make sure of pure noble home life development.

(MRS.) ANNA KENT, *Secretary.*

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.

Navajo Mission, Farmington, New Mex.

(Scholarship, $50.)

When Miss Tripp left us at Lincoln, Neb., last year she expected after a little time to take up the duties of the Home as formerly, but it soon became evident to all that she was slowly failing in health, and her sister assumed her work largely, but she continued to direct affairs until vacation time and the children had gone to their homes, then she was taken to Durango, Col., for cooler climate, where she lingered until September 6th, when she went to the reward awaiting her, for she had been a faithful servant of the Master. During all those months of suffering the work went steadily on. The school was never more successful under the care of Miss Rykert, who is a most loyal teacher. Her aim is to teach the children to love the Lord and lead Christian lives.

The irrigation plant has been a success, and some wheat, alfalfa, potatoes, and a nice variety of vegetables have been grown. There are about fifty fowls, two cows, a faithful burro, and two poor old horses; we are still hoping for the long-promised funds for a new horse.

Our new Superintendent, Mrs. Alice O'Connor, has just entered upon her duties and seems well adapted for the position. Though the workers fall the work must go on, and there is much for encouragement. A minister of another denomination, who is working among the Navajos, says: "There is great hope for this tribe, and all over the reservation boys and girls are being trained for usefulness and Christianity. Many of the Navajos are self-supporting and many are raising nice crops where they are able to irrigate some acres of land." Miss Tripp's last message was: "Do not be discouraged, these people will come to be followers of the true God; the children are learning to speak English, we taught them to pray in English; in the government schools they are learning to understand English, and some time enough will hear the Gospel in English and teach their people," so let us continue to do our part to bring them to Christ.

Dulce, New Mex.

(Scholarship, $50.)

At this Mission the work is coming up nicely under the management of the new missionaries, Miss Hattie Gifford, as Superintendent; and Miss Ella O. Brunk, teacher; both from Troy, N. Y. When they reached Dulce two former pupils were at the train to welcome them and escort them to the Mission, where supplies for the table had been ordered, a fire started in the stove, and they were soon keeping house like old settlers. The pupils are coming in, and we could take more if the funds for support were coming in also. A widow with six children has sent two children, but being frail and with scanty means can not send more; if the scholarships are secured others could be taken and the poor mother relieved somewhat of the great burden.

Rev. Thos. Harwood, Superintendent of Spanish Missions in New Mexico, visited Dulce in the summer and writes very encouragingly of the work of the past years; he says time and money have not been wasted at this Mission. There are ministers preaching the Gospel in that territory who were former pupils, as well as wives of ministers, teachers, and women who are good mothers and fine housekeepers. Near the Mission there is a band of Apache Indians, who a few years ago were the terror of that vicinity, who are Christian people, kind and law abiding. We need your aid in this good work and your prayers that this may be a very successful year.

PACIFIC COAST INDIAN WORK.

Pawnee Indian Mission, Oklahoma.

As will be seen by the following report of our missionary, Miss Kate Leebrick, the work at the Pawnee Mission has gone on well: "The last year has been a happy one, because of the presence of the Master in my work for Him among the Pawnee Indians. Some say, "You can not do anything with the Indians." We have heard the same "old story" of the people of India, China, Africa. The victories in those lands, after years of faithful toil, show plainly to us that Jesus died for all mankind, and that He loves the Indian as well as the white man. It is a source of sorrow that the majority of the white men with whom the Indians dealt when they first came to this country, taught them vices instead of right living.

"My work every Sabbath morning during the school year, with the exception of Sabbaths that I spent at the Ponca Mission, has been to care for my horse and then drive to the government school, where I assist in the Sunday-school, and at the close of the school I give a talk on the Berean Picture. After this services are held at our little church when the weather is favorable. One of the teachers comes with part of the children. All can not come at the same time, as we do not have enough seats. The children always pay good attention and join heartily in the singing. Every other Sabbath night your missionary conducts services in the school chapel. The children are all in attendance then and many of the employees. These services have been blessed ones, as the presence of the Holy Spirit was realized. At one of the services in the chapel in June over fifty of the children united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"I enjoy visiting in the homes of the Indians to tell them of Jesus and His love. When I first went among them they did not want to listen to me. Now, many of the old Indians will ask me to sing and pray with them. I often take a Berean picture roll with me and read to them what the Bible says about the picture. While in the tents a few weeks ago I found little blind Annie, whom I had not seen for some weeks, as she lives ten miles away. She said, 'Miss Leebrick, I can sing that song.' I said, 'Well, Annie, sing it for me, please.' She sang almost all of that beautiful hymn for children, 'I think when I read that sweet story of old.' Her mother was sick and lying in the tent. While little Annie sang, the tears rolled down her cheeks. She is very sick now. She enjoys hearing me sing and pray. She says she loves Jesus and is trusting Him to save her. She is intelligent and loves to read.

"During the year eighty of the school children committed to memory all of the Golden Texts of the Sunday-school lessons for one quarter.

"The Indians invited me to speak at their Hand Game last Sabbath afternoon. Two hundred Indians, men, women, and children, sat in a circle with the 'Stars and Stripes' in the center. The interpreter and myself stood by the flag while I talked."

Ponca Indian Mission, Oklahoma.

Last July our misionary to the Ponca Indians, Rev. A. J. Simms, was married to Miss Fannie Hageman, a capable and consecrated Christian, who will be a great help in the work, as she is a trained musician and an experienced worker. The Society is to be congratulated upon securing such an acquisition to our mission forces.

We have had a very successful year at the Ponca Mission. Mr. Simms sends the following encouraging report: "We all join in thanking God that He has given us a nice little frame church, seating about two hundred people. In December it was duly dedicated by Presiding Elder J. E. Burt, of the Perry District, Oklahoma Conference, when some money was raised. Since that time the church has been freed from all debt and a four hundred and fifty pound bell placed in position that sounds well over the Reservation. The church is heated from a furnace in the cellar, and is very comfortable in cold weather. Its estimated value is about $1,500.

"Church services are held after the close of Sunday-school, and a mid-week prayer meeting is sustained all the year round. The Indian children of the Ponca government school attend the services and are also instructed in the Catechism every Tuesday evening. They have made better progress this year than ever before, answering questions almost perfectly up to '72.' There are almost seventy-five boys and girls in this class. There is also a Sunday night service held in the Ponca Indian School chapel; a children's service, yet often well attended by grown-up persons as well as children.

"We have probably fifty or more communicants. Some of the old Indians receive the Emblems with great reverence. We have received twelve Ponca girls on probation and baptized them, and twenty-seven Poncas from probation into full membership. Also two white persons on probation and four into full membership.

"In conclusion I must mention Osborne Little Swift, our faithful interpreter, faithful under all circumstances and loyally devoted to the cause of his Savior, a model worthy of imitation by his tribe, and his wife, Mrs. Minnie Little Swift, ever ready for work in the Church."

Ukiah Indian Mission, California.

The new work inaugurated at the Ukiah Indian Mission was carried on successfully by our efficient missionary, Miss Lydia Rouls, who, at the close of the year, was made superintendent of Stickney Memorial Indian Mission. We append her report of the work at Ukiah Mission:

"I arrived on the field October 26th, 1906. The first week was spent in cleaning the school room, getting acquainted with the children, etc. November 5th school began and continued until April 18, 1907. This early date of closing was because the Indians all went to their fishing camps. For the first four months of the school the average attendance was eight and a half, the highest for one month being eleven for January. For the months of March and April the average was only four. General average for the year, seven. Total number enrolled, nineteen. Per cent of attendance, thirty-seven.

"During the time the school was in session, on the Sundays the minister did not come, I conducted services with the Indians, presenting the Sunday-school lesson as best I could by means of colored pictures. I also conducted two funeral services.

"What I regard as the most important work in lifting the adult Indians to a higher plane of life has been the hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart visiting among them. In this we learned to know and trust each other, which is the initial step in helping the Indians. Confidence must first be established.

"The greatest hindrance to the work in school, Church, and home

is the nomadic life of the Indians. This was the cause of the very low per cent of attendance at school. I have had no difficulty in keeping the children when the Indians were here. I have been told that Indians expect to be paid for sending their children to school, but that is not true of these people. They want their children in school, but their nomadic life often makes it impossible; and the public schools will not admit them though they enumerate them.

"From the Indian point of view there is a sufficient reason for their nomadic life, that is, the necessity of securing food and raiment. Two hundred and eighty Indians belong here on a tract of land that would not support one white family. Thay have ninety-two acres, but only twenty-five acres are tillable. The rest is barren mountain sides. They must live, so must go where they can get work. Each family has its little house here (I can not call it a home), but as there is little work for them in the vicinity and they have no wood on their own land, they are here very little. Under present conditions they have little encouragement to live a settled, civilized life and they are disheartened.

"Necessity has compelled me to live so far from them that much time and energy that should have been given to the work has been spent on the way.

"I have had to work practically alone. The minister, Rev. J. W. Edgar, has done all he could. But he lives twenty miles away and must drive the entire distance. Floods have made the roads impassable for him part of the time.

"During the latter part of the winter there has been much sickness and the Indian women know little of nursing. With the school work I had little time to help them along this line.

"Means for general expenses have been very scarce. I could have continued the school in a tent at the fishing camp if some means had been at hand. The Indians were willing to leave their children with me while they were away, but I had no means of caring for them.

"Two women, a teacher and a field matron, working among them could help them much, the former in the school and the latter in the home. Then the two could conduct a Sunday-school worthy of the name.

"There are some encouraging prospects. Mr. C. E. Kelsey, of San Jose, special agent of the Northern California Indian Association, has recently informed these people that he has secured for them one hundred and sixty acres of mountain wood land. It is not tillable, but will furnish them fuel. He has also secured an appropriation of $10,000 with which to buy land for the Indians of northern California. Some of it will be spent for these people. This has given the Indians new courage and they hope to provide a place for their teacher to live next year. The tract of land that will be purchased may have a house upon it. If it does I am sure the Indians will be willing for their teachers to occupy it, for they want them to live near them.

"Mr. Kelsey very kindly offered to provide $300 for the support of the work here. With this help and the house provided by the Indians I am hoping and praying that two women, teacher and field matron, may be sent to work among these people. Then when the parents are compelled to go away to work, perhaps these two women can keep a few of the children so that they need not be taken out of school.

"I find the Northern California Indian Association ready to help the Indians."

Stickney Memorial Indian Mission, Lynden, Washington.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The beginning of the year at Stickney Memorial Indian Mission was full of disaster and discouragement. Missionaries and Secretary had planned for great things and prospects for a successful year seemed bright. From October first to the middle of November there were five great floods, the Nookrack River overflowing its banks and sweeping away costly bridges and doing great damage throughout the country. Stickney Mission suffered great loss in vegetables, fruit, foot bridge, and general damage. November 11th one of the workers wrote as follows:

"During the summer all the underbrush and logs and sticks on the river front had been cleared away. But the river had overflowed its banks and great trees came sweeping in the yard with the tide, with logs great and small. All this will have to be cleared away again. The water entered the front yard and rose eight inches on the side of the house. The folks remained up much of the night, measured the water every hour and tied the boat within thirty feet of the door, ready to make their trip off the island if necessary.

"All the vegetables that were in the south garden were covered with water and the garden a mud patch. Over two hundred cabbages, large and sound before the rain, are all spoiled. The root cellar was full of water and all that had been gathered had to be dried and put in the house. This week another overflow started and after 10:30 P. M. we found the goats, drove them into the new barn, brought the cows, calves and pigs all into the inclosure. After 2 A. M. the wind changed and it grew cooler and the river went down. The new bridge was swept away for the third time within three weeks." A few days later another letter was received, saying:

"We are in another great flood, water stands around our door; pigs, cows, and calves in wood shed; goats and horses in the barn." Another worker wrote: "A great many of the Indians have teams and wagons, but they say they are afraid to ford the river and other streams, and it is really out of the question for us to go out after the Indian children, as our fording place is dangerous since we have had so much high water. A man who has lived here for years undertook to cross at our fording place, and the river was not high, but he came very near losing both horses and his own life, as the quicksand has washed in so badly and it can not be seen until one gets into it. We have not forded the river for a month, as it is so dangerous. The high water has changed so many of the fording places that very few are safe. The great bridge being built west of us went out again yesterday for the third time. So you see the rivers have been and still are wild and are so very swift."

From the foregoing it will be seen that few of the Indian children could come in early. But after the middle of December they began to come and during the remainder of the year the attendance was fair. At the close of the year Mrs. O'Connor, the superintendent, found that the dampness of the island disagreed with her and that she could not remain another year. Miss Lydia Rouls was engaged as superintendent for the coming year. She went to Stickney Mission June 12th, and gives the following account of the work since her arrival:

"In the three months from July 1st to October 1st Mrs. Conard and I, with the help of a girl for six weeks, have done 'whatsoever our hands found to do.' To enumerate, one of the first pressing duties was the treatment of our best horse, which was severely injured. For six weeks

this required the attention of the hired man and one woman for two hours each day.

"Aside from our veterinary surgical work, the month of July was filled to overflowing with the canning of berries of all kinds, cherries, currants, and peaches. August was the month of cleaning. Straw mattresses for the children's beds were washed, also about eighty quilts and comforters. Twenty blankets, and one hundred yards of carpet. Some canning was also done to add variety. During September cleaning and canning both went on, plums and prunes both demanding attention. The house was calsomined in part; the boys' dormitory, some of the bed rooms, halls, kitchen, pantry, and dining-room cleaned; shelves put into the supply closet and large rooms partitioned off to make bed rooms for the workers. But there remains much yet to be done. Sewing-room, school room, parlor, girls' dormitory, and three workers' rooms yet to be cleaned, and prunes and pears yet to be cared for. We now have about eight hundred quarts of fruit put up and expect to have a thousand when all is finished. Our plan is to give the children fruit once a day.

"But now the children are coming, and in numbers far beyond our expectations. Some whose children have never been here are coming, others writing to know if we will have room for their children. And what are we going to do with them? Wherewithal shall they be fed? If they continue as they have begun, we shall have fifty, our capacity, by December. We dare not turn them away, and yet we very much fear that we shall not have the means to care for them. Unless the appropriations are large I fear we shall be compelled to limit the number, or else close school quite early in the year. Either way seems a pity, for these parents are quite anxious to have their children in school, and the children are anxious to come. So we are hoping and praying that our means may, in a measure, be equal to our opportunity.

"Our workers are all working heroically. So far as they are concerned, there is abundant promise of success. But we must have money to meet our opportunities. The body must be properly cared for before mind and soul can be developed. May God give His children the means of purse and willingness of heart to supply our needs this year!"

(MISS) SARAH M. DELINE, *Secretary.*

"The Pottawatomies."

The year just closing has been the most successful one in the history of our work. While we were late in opening the day school—September, 1906—the results were gratifying, for after five months several of the little Indian children, who upon entering the school could not speak a word of English, could read and spell many words and had committed the Twenty-third Psalm, the Beatitudes, and the Ten Commandments without an error, proving to all present that Indian children can learn if given "a chance." Who would withhold it from them? This year we start out with an average attendance of twenty-seven scholars and Miss Evelyn Rittenhouse, of Troy, Kansas, in charge. The school is conditional, namely, if they come to the day school they must attend the Sunday services. On Sabbath day the regular services are held with good attendance. Our Missionary, Mr. Steves, addresses the children at the Government school in the afternoon.

Every Friday night an entertainment is given at our mission, including music, games, recitations, etc. This is done to counteract, if possible, some of their dances. These Friday night affairs are well attended.

Our Christmas tree last year was one long to be remembered. It was their first tree, and you never saw a more orderly, well-behaved, happy assembly in your experience. Every little girl was given a doll—her first doll. Can any one imagine what that meant? Every boy received a pocket knife; then neckties, handkerchiefs, candy were given to all present, both old and young. We expect to repeat this at the coming Christmas-time, and we trust through all these means to reach the hearts and lives of the children under our care.

We ask all who read this report to join us in prayer for our untiring workers in this needy field.

Send letters and packages to Rev. J. F. Steves, Mayetta, Kansas.

(MRS.) CARRIE COPE, *Chairman of Committee.*

ALASKA.

Jesse Lee Industrial Home and Hospital, Unalaska.

(Scholarship, $60.)

The change in superintendents during the past year seems to have caused no interruption in the good work being done in Jesse Lee Home. Orphans and other children are here given loving care and Christian training, both educational and industrial. Only eternity will reveal what has been, and is being, accomplished for His little ones by the heroism and self-sacrifice of our missionaries.

After nine years of rarely efficient service in that isolated field, where he went immediately after graduation, Dr. A. W. Newhall felt compelled to return home for a change for Mrs. Newhall, who has given eleven of the best years of her life to this work in which her heart still remains. Though leaving Unalaska, they showed their interest in the people by bringing with them four native young people from Jesse Lee Home and providing a home for them, thus giving them better opportunities for education. Dr. Newhall, overtaxed with preparations for leaving, and the care of a family of eight on the long sea voyage (thirty-one days), and the trip across the continent, came down with typhoid fever, and lay in a hospital ward at Little Falls, N. Y., during the Annual Meeting in Boston, and for some time after. This was not only a great disappointment to them, but to all of us, who had counted much on seeing and hearing these heroic workers. It is our hope that they may be with us at Philadelphia. When strong enough, Dr. Newhall expects to take post-graduate work at his alma mater, Burlington, Vt.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Spence, of Fairgrove, Mich., were secured to succeed Dr. and Mrs. Newhall, and arrived at Unalaska August 4th, by the same boat which brought the Newhall group home. We think the Woman's Home Missionary Society fortunate in finding these capable, consecrated workers willing to go to this uninviting field of labor. While waiting in Seattle for their boat, a reception was given them by the ladies of First Church, at which both Dr. and Mrs. Spence told of their call to the work. In writing of this, Mrs. F. A. Hayward, of Seattle, a working member of the Bureau for Alaska, said, "There were no dry eyes when they were talking, and I think they made many warm friends. It does seem to me, that if blessings come in proportion to sacrifices made, Dr. and Mrs. Spence will be rarely successful."

Miss Harriet L. Barnett, matron, who made many friends at the meeting in Lincoln, Neb., returned by the August boat. She writes:

"I am very glad, indeed, to get back. It seemed like coming home, and all were so hearty in their welcome. So many tiny tots have come since my leaving, but there is a dearth of large boys and girls since Dr. Newhall left. Miss Benedict, who has favored us with such racy letters about the children, feels that at the close of this year she must have a change. Her place as head of the sewing department will not be easy to fill. Miss Wunderlich, kindergarten teacher and head of the culinary department, is doing faithful and efficient work. Miss Powell, helper during Miss Barnett's absence, is now teaching the government school at Sinuk."

One of the problems that confronts us is, what to do with the girls who have no homes when they graduate. Most of the white men who go to Alaska seem to throw off all restraint and act as if native girls were their lawful prey. Our missionaries beg us to find Christian homes in this country for some of these bright girls. Miss Barnett found two good homes in a Connecticut town ready for Stepanida and Alexandra Oustikoff, sisters who would not be separated, but traveling expenses for only one is provided. What friend of the Master will help her sister's way? And who will give a home to another capable girl who will soon be ready to graduate?

Our hospital is still a refuge for the sick and suffering, and Dr. Spence the only physician within many hundreds of miles. The bequest of Miss Anna Biggs, of Findlay, Ohio, will enable us to furnish and equip two more rooms. The ladies of East Ohio Conference, to show their loving appreciation of Mrs. Eliza Kingsley Arter, have named the dispensary for her, and send $100 a year to keep it in supplies.

Mrs. Spence asks if some one will not donate rubber silencers for the stairs in the boys' house. All will see the need of this, as the hospital is in the same building. She wonders, too, if some friend would not like to send a baby organ for the boys' house. The boys are very fond of music, and were given considerable training by Dr. Newhall. Dr. Spence wants more carpenter's tools to teach the boys carpentry. Bedding, denim, gingham, outing flannel, yarn, cotton, etc., are always in demand; also good second-hand clothing. Send to Dr. F. H. Spence, Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska, in care of Northwestern Commercial Co., Seattle, Wash.

Sinuk Mission.

Post-Office, Nome, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sellon, amid many perplexities and privations, have been doing excellent work among the Eskimos at Sinuk. These people are eager to learn and to attend religious services. A one-room log cabin has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sellon, and in it Mrs. Sellon has met the women and girls to give them not only religious instruction, but to teach them how to take care of themselves, their babies, and their homes; how to sew, to bake good bread, etc. This little home was only leased for a year, but fortunately the government will allow them to use the teacher's apartment in the new school building for this winter, until a mission home can be provided.

After a year's study of the situation, the people, and their habits, Mr. Sellon has decided that we must start an industrial home, in which orphans and other needy children can be cared for; and children whose parents go off hunting and fishing can be left in the school. He says: "We must have a home at Sinuk, or fail to accomplish the best results for these poor people." Some months ago, Mr. Sellon secured an option on the only property in the place suitable for our work, on which are

several small buildings, for $2,000, and says, "Should we be able to secure this we could begin the work and, in time, build an addition to the largest house." What seemed at that time an impossibility for lack of funds is, through the generosity of the good women, soon to be a reality. After the Boston meeting, a telegram was sent to Mr. Sellon saying that $1,000 was being sent to secure that property, the balance to be forwarded soon.

The largest gift for this purpose was $500, from our good friend, Mrs. M. E. H. Yates, of Ft. Edward, N. Y. We hope, before the close of this year, to have a beginning made toward the establishment of the "Hilah Seward Industrial Home and Orphanage." Hilah Seward was Mrs. Yates's grandfather, and a cousin of Secretary Seward, who arranged for the purchase of Alaska from Russia.

Mr. Sellon greatly enjoyed a visit from Dr. John Parsons, superintendent of Methodist Missions in Alaska, in July. In a letter to the Secretary, Dr. Parsons says: "In my judgment, Brother Sellon is earnest, consecrated, and devoted to the work. You have in him a good man. The Woman's Home Missionary Society should put him in possession of some property as quickly as possible. Buying out the man who owns buildings there is the cheapest and easiest way. The mission seems to be well located, and there is a good field here for this kind of work. I hope God may open the way for you to give him the support above indicated."

A number of native families would like to settle down and build little homes at Sinuk, could they make a living. For this purpose, Mr. Sellon is teaching them carpentry, and plans to teach them to do a little mining. With a knowledge of these industries and a herd of reindeer, for which he has looked long and anxiously, Mr. Sellon thinks they will not need to make so many fishing and hunting expeditions. Delay in securing the loan of a herd of reindeer from the government has been caused by the preparation of a new form of contract and "Rules and Regulations" in regard to loaning reindeer to missions, which were quite unsatisfactory. After much correspondence and a visit to Washington, more favorable terms were secured, and a herd of one hundred reindeer arrived at Sinuk in time to help Mr. Sellon enjoy his Thanksgiving dinner. For each one hundred reindeer the mission is required to care for and support three Eskimo apprentices while they are taught by Dunnak, one of the best herders in the government service, how to herd and train the reindeer. It is estimated, that to provide tents, furs, clothing, food, and everything necessary for the first year, will cost us about five dollars for each deer. Home Guards, Circles, and individuals have provided for thirty-four deer by pledging five dollars each. How many others want a deer? There are sixty-six left. At the end of five years the mission is to have three hundred deer, two hundred of which will be females. Each deer is worth at least $25. During the five years, male deer may be killed and sold to help support the apprentices. Each apprentice is given a few deer at the end of each year's faithful service, and it is hoped that in time each native family will own a small herd of deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellon wish to thank the good friends who have sent them boxes, barrels, and packages containing things most useful to distribute among the sick and poor, as well as to use in the mission home. New Testaments, with good print, illustrated Bible stories, pictures, children's books, and Sunday-school helps are much needed. Send to Rev. M. A. Sellon, Nome, Alaska.

MRS. R. H. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

IMMIGRATION.

Immigration has become one of the leading vital questions of the day. No one, who seriously considers the signs of the times, and desires the present and future welfare of our beloved land, can be ignorant of the great need for action, action that will conserve the best interests of those who are already here and of those coming to make their homes among us. The in-coming of millions of peoples every year will of necessity make great changes.

The floodgates are open and the seething mass of humanity pours in. Too vast a multitude, too engrosed in their great aim of getting money to listen or take heed to any *feeble* attempt to impress them with our form of government and our Christianity. Only herculean efforts, with the hand-to-hand touch of sympathy and the Divine uplift can better the condition of these foreign masses and lead to permanent results.

When we think that every year brings at least a quarter of a million of young people, over fourteen years of age, who can neither read nor write we are alarmed. Too old and overgrown to enter the primary grades of our public schools we fear their chances for an education are very limited. Satan will not be idle in sowing seeds of crime and evil in these unenlightened minds.

The "stranger within our gates" has become largely the object of the care of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. We meet him as he enters our harbors and steps upon our soil for the first time; we visit him in the crowded tenement and in the slums and gather his children into our industrial classes in the large cities; we carry him the Gospel of loving ministration by sustaining the heralds of the Cross upon our vast frontiers; we reach out a helping hand to the Oriental upon our Western Coast; and homes of refuge are provided, and vigilant watch is kept by our workers to stay the heinous evil of slavery and selling of Japanese and Chinese girls.

Our Society is doing what it can to prevent both Oriental and white slave traffic. Much has been done to improve matters and prevent this evil, both upon the Eastern and Western Coasts of our country. We are informed quite recently by Mr. Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor that his attention was called to the great increase in the importation of women for immoral purposes. That hundreds of Japanese women were being brought to America surreptitiously and held in practical slavery after their arrival here. It was stated that the women were sold by their importers precisely as if they were so many bales of goods. It was found upon investigation that the evil was far more wide-spread than was suspected, and involved the importation into America, not only of Japanese women, but of women from France, Austria, Russia, and Italy.

A woman of years of experience in Travelers' Aid work has been appointed to Ellis Island to help prevent this traffic. We pray for her success as well as the success of all efforts to stop this terrible evil.

East Boston Immigrant Girls' Home, 72 and 74 Marginal Street.

Once this Home was a saloon, and for nineteen years men were being helped to drunkards' graves and the ribald song and jest were heard. Now, the praise of God in song and prayer issues from this same room—*souls are saved.* Mrs. A. C. Clark is superintendent.

These are the statistics:

Number of ships met	96
Number cared for in the Home	1,409
Number of lodgings	4,935
Number of meals served	15,670
Number of men	657
Number of women	580
Number of children	165
Number of girls sent to friends	118
Number of nationalities	23
Number of tracts and leaflets given	2,664
Number of garments distributed	993

Annex at Charlestown:

Number of ships met	26
Number of lodgings	1,358
Number of new arrivals in Home	513
Number of meals served	4,634
Number of men	290
Number of women	178
Number of children	45
Number of situations secured	13
Number of tracts and leaflets	725
Number of garments distributed	179

Immigrant Girls' Home, No. 9 State Street, New York.

This Home was opened about the year 1888. It was soon full to overflowing and the present large four-story house was secured. The property, No. 9 State Street, was rented for the purpose and a grand work has been accomplished there. Religious services are held here also and many are brought to a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Miss Alma Mathews is the superintendent.

Number of ships met	978
Number of passengers	1,123,842
Number cared for in the Home	4,436
Number of new arrivals	833
Number of meals served	17,509
Number of women	4,436
Number of girls sent to friends	638
Number of situations secured	108

Number of garments: The contents of many barrels and boxes.

Immigrant Work in Philadelphia.

For nine years an Immigrant Girls' Home was maintained at Philadelphia. An epidemic in the neighborhood caused it to be closed for a time and it has not since been opened, but the work is carried on as effectively as can be without. A deaconess, Miss Amanda Ford, is assigned to the work and she meets the ships and ministers to the needs of all whom she can relieve.

Number of ships met	43
Number of passengers	25,406
Number of Bibles distributed	19,672

Number of papers and books	1,123
Number of toys to children	100

This seems but a small effort when we consider the vastness of the need, but the saving of hundreds every year, as our workers do, will not be without its reward of eternal good.

MRS. C. H. BICKLEY, *Secretary.*

Hull Street Settlement, 36 Hull Street, Boston, Mass.

In the spring of 1892 three students of the School of Theology of Boston University, Rev. E. J. Helms, Professor Rollins Walker, and Rev. Mr. Naylor, after thoughtful consideration, appealed to the City Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for help in starting a settlement in the slums of Boston.

During the summer a study of city missionary work in London, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Boston was made, and in the fall a house on Poplar Street, West End, was rented and the house opened with five residents. This place was called "University Settlement." The work consisted of visitation, distribution of flowers in an unorganized way, and inviting the young people into the house for an evening, really the beginning of clubs and classes.

In January, 1893, a house at 18 Charter Street, North End, rented by the City Missionary Society and furnished by the Epworth Leagues, came to the settlement. The name was extended to "Epworth League House and University Settlement." In August of the same year, the work was again moved to 34 Hull Street, and Miss Harriette J. Cooke, formerly professor of history at Cornell College, Iowa, entered the Home as Superintendent of the women's department.

From September, 1906, to September, 1907, 11,018 patients have been treated at the clinics at Hull Street Settlement. Of these, 3,351 were new patients; 391 operations have been performed. There have been 196 obstetrical cases; the nurses have made 3,315 calls and the doctors 1,998.

The money collected from the clinics amounted to $1,255.82. The nurses' collection was $262.90 and the doctors' $928.45, making a total of $2,447.17. With this money we furnish supplies for the medical department, the stipends and board of four nurses, wages of the interpreter, laundry of the nurses, car fare for doctors, pay the cleaning bills, and other necessary expenses.

The largest number at any morning clinic was sixty-five.

Three nurses were graduated from the Training-school last May. Two of these took the post-graduate course on the Boston Floating Hospital this summer, and the other served as head nurse at "36," while our regular head nurse occupied the position as superintendent of nurses on the floating hospital during the summer months. At the graduation in May, a fine demonstration of practical work was given, which elicited praise from the representatives of other hospitals who were present, and made such an impression upon the children of the neighborhood, one of whom served as subject, that for days imaginary clinics were held on our doorsteps, and finally resulted in the organization of a children's nurses' club. This club during the summer months was given lessons in practical nursing. A demonstration of their bandaging will be given at the Food Fair in October.

In addition to the three nurses who graduated in May, one nurse finishes her course the first of October.

The industrial work the past year has been interrupted somewhat by the necessary change of workers in the middle of the year. Yet four boys' and two musical clubs were held; two classes in sewing for children, a dressmaking class for young ladies, two classes in English, two mothers' clubs, and two stamp-saving stations were maintained. Two concerts were given by the Mendelssohn Choral Club. A Sunday-school of forty members was held on Sunday afternoon and in the evening a gospel service was conducted.

Flowers were sent in regularly during the summer and distributed among the sick and older people, the little nurses' club helping in this work the latter part of the summer.

Outings for the patients, sewing classes and boys' clubs have been given. One doctor gave his patients a day of great pleasure by hiring a car and taking them into the country, where a lunch was furnished and an automobile ride. One of the sewing-school teachers furnished a car ride to about eighty people to one of Boston's beautiful parks full of attraction for children. Another delightful day was given to patients, both mothers and children, by one of the nearby auxiliaries, furnishing a car and a bountiful lunch in one of Boston's suburbs.

The Boston Elevated Railroad gave one hundred and fifty tickets for car rides, and the Boston Young Men's Christian Union tickets for "Invalid Rides."

Other friends have remembered us by donations of money, clothing, canned fruit, and other supplies. The clothing, some of it being disposed of at low prices, helps to make our emergency and industrial work possible. A gift of fifty bags of flour at Christmas time, as well as the frequent gifts of bread and pies from the baker of Cambridgeport, were very acceptable. The Malden Circuit League gave money for a much-needed operating table. Statistics, pictures, and records of the work have been collected and arranged for the permanent settlement exhibit at Harvard College.

Much-needed repairs on the building were made during the summer, which were made possible by the careful saving of Miss Cooke the past few years.

Miss Cooke, who had given nearly fourteen years of faithful and loving service to the work, resigned early in the year. The workers drop out, but the Lord will still carry on His work.

It is interesting to note how many of our former workers have entered the foreign field. Four of our nurses, one doctor, and seven other workers found here among the many foreign people at the North End a good training for the work in foreign lands.

(MRS.) ADA T. WELLS, *Superintendent.*

MOTHER'S JEWELS HOME, YORK, NEB.

(Scholarship, $50.)

It is gratifying that as the Mother's Jewels' Home is presented this year, she will not be in the least a stranger. For just one year ago you had that personal introduction that showed you some of her inner life; you examined her condition of health; you put your finger on her pulse and took her temperature, and we do not forget that when you bade her farewell, it was with a warm hand-clasp and pledge of continued love and help. We do not forget, too, that as we smiled

you an honest cordial welcome, in the household was grave foreboding and sadness, for one woman who had been lavish in her help to make that Home life what it was, was just pushing out from earthly shores to drop anchor in Heaven's harbor. It was the gap her going would leave that gave anxiety. But God filled it with His own special care, so that progress has not been materially retarded, though a deeper, anxious thought has necessarily characterized the daily life of each one in responsible position.

After a short absence, Miss Jennings, our Matron, returned to us with more permanency.

A season of sickness of more than ordinary severity last winter was finally passed without serious results.

Our farm has yielded as well—yes, even better than the average, for this has not been a year of abundance. Late frosts in the spring robbed us of our fruit supply, and opens an avenue through which you can aid us if you are from localities that were uninjured.

Superintendent, teachers, farmer, and helper, all are living a busy life trying to give individual care and training to the eighty children in the Home at this writing.

To the other classes we have added one in domestic science and sewing for the girls and chair caneing for the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Honnold, who live within the sound of our children's voices, and whose love for the Home has intensified with this close touch, have emphasized their "neighborly" interest by the gift of five hundred dollars in memory of their own boy and girl "lost awhile" to them, the gift to apply to our Hospital Building Fund.

Pledges made by Conferences have nearly all been met. We thank you. Do not forget us in the year to come, though we may not be personally represented in Boston. Remember us still in your provident plans.

(MRS.) ANNIE HOBBS WOODCOCK, *Chairman.*

WATTS DE PEYSTER INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, TIVOLI, N. Y.

(Scholarship, $70.)

The past year has been full of activity in our Home, and we as a Board have had great compensation in the enjoyment of results of other years. Many of our girls have returned as visitors during the year at Christmas time and in the summer, and our hearts have rejoiced over the remarkable development so apparent in them. This encourages us in our work, and it must mean much to all who have helped us by prayer, by contributions, and deep interest. We thank each one of you.

Our Founder's Day was different from others. We had many more friends with us than usual, who helped dedicate our Fisk Hospital, named for our national president. We now feel better equipped in case of emergency. We hope soon to see our hospital fitted with the latest comforts and necessities. There are two wards, the Simpson Ward and the Foster Ward.

It seems a strange Providence that during the year, our first benefactors should have died, General J. Watts de Peyster, who through the persistent influence of Dr. James M. King, purchased our property and gave it to our Woman's Home Missionary Society. We feel that we must give public expression to our gratitude to these men.

The excellent record of our girls and the devotion of the teachers every day in the year means more than these words can express.

Keep us in your minds. This year brings peculiar needs, as our garden products were blasted by the drought and we must buy nearly all the things ordinarily supplied for our table.

We hope each year that no extra expense will be required, but as usual this year will be no exception. We have before us the problem of the disposal of the sewage, which is rendered difficult by the heavy clay soil. This, combined with the equipment and furnishing of our new hospital, will necessitate an outlay of about twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) in addition to our ordinary expenses.

This Home belongs to you all, and we are sure you will not fail to hear and answer our appeal with your continued gifts of love and money.

MRS. ELDRIDGE M. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Place de la Bastile, Paris, is adorned by the bronze Colonne de Juillet which commemorates the heroes of the French Revolution. In City Road, London, is Wesley's Chapel, which speaks of the *Peaceful Revolution* brought about by John Wesley. The historian, Greene, says that there would have been a similar revolution in England to that of France, were it not for the Wesleyan Revival. How shall we solve the difficulties that confront us in our American cities in this century? Which do we want, a Colonne de Juillet, or a Wesleyan Revival?

FOR SIXTEEN YEARS

the Glenn Home has labored in season and out of season to help bring about a peaceful revolution in Cincinnati through its various organizations for the children and adults.

THREE MISSION BUILDINGS

were used for this work. The Glenn Home, Fourth Street, which was open every day of the year; The Glenn Home Mission, corner of Front and Fifth Streets, and The Glenn Home Cottage, Riverside, in the rear of the distillery. Classes were held in the last two Missions every day of the week except when the workers were on their vacation.

SEVEN WORKERS

were regularly employed last year, who served with untiring devotion and self-sacrifice: Mrs. A. M. Given, Superintendent of the Boarding Department, Miss F. A. Gunn and Miss E. W. Bower, Missionaries; Miss A. R. Bassett, Deaconess; Miss F. Lingenfelter, Miss A. Billian, and Miss B. Robinson, Kindergartners.

FIFTEEN ASSISTANTS

gave their services gratuitously and were a great help and inspiration to the work: Mr. W. H. Whitaker, Superintendent of the Mission Sunday-school; Mr. Jos. Page, Superintendent of the Riverside Sunday-school; Miss Delia Herron, Miss Myra Cramer, Mrs. Whittaker, Mr. S. Nivens, and Mr. Denny, Sunday-school teachers; Mrs. I. D. Smead, Mrs. W. W.

Simmonds, and Miss Clara Cahill, teachers in the Mission Sewing School; Miss Wolfer, Superintendent of the McFarland Sewing School; Miss Loughry and Mrs. Durrell, teachers; Miss Haas, Superintendent of the Reading Circle; and Mr. C. C. Brummer, Superintendent of the Boys' Camp.

THE BOARDING DEPARTMENT

has been popular. Every bed and cot have been brought into use. A number of applicants were refused admission. One hundred and twenty-five girls made their home with us for different lengths of time. The rate for board, lodging, light, and heat was three dollars per week. As this is a missionary home, reductions amounting to one hundred and thirty dollars were made to some of the girls who were beginning their business careers to enable them to live until their salaries would permit the payment of this nominal sum. Through this department we were enabled to board and lodge four of our workers without additional expense, pay the cost of gas and house-cleaning, and part of the wear and tear.

There was nothing institutional about the Home. The girls came in close touch with the workers, were well acquainted with each other; an air of sympathy and refinement pervaded. The dining-room was commodious and bright, though situated in the basement, and was lighted by large windows looking upon Fourth Street. The table was always attractive with pretty doilies, flowers, and plants. The service was good; a butler waited upon the table and assisted the Superintendent, who proudly sat among her girls. Forty guests were entertained for different lengths of time free of charge. The girls were permitted to invite a gentleman friend to Sunday dinner—notice was given in advance to the Superintendent—thirty were entertained in this way. The Superintendent has not only watched over the girls as they have daily gone in and out to business, but she has mothered them in times of sickness and death. She secured medical attention free of charge when they have not been able to meet such expenses, and has obtained beds for the sick in our hospitals. The Board is deeply grateful to Doctors Ratterman, Greiss, Geiser, and Souther for services thus given, and to Christ Hospital for ministering to our deaconess during her six weeks' stay there, and to the City and St. Mary's Hospitals.

The angel of death has again entered the Home. It was found necessary to perform a serious operation upon one of our girls. All arrangements were lovingly made, friends promised to defray the expense of a room in the hospital. The patient was ready for her operation, which was to be performed the next day when I visited her one bright Sunday afternoon in early spring. I questioned myself as I journeyed to the hospital, "What word of comfort shall I speak; how shall I cheer?" Shall I ever forget that visit! There was no need of my help, for Almighty God was her strength. She made a beautiful picture, her bright face lit up with a joy that was not of this world, her wealth of hair forming a halo about her. She gave me a hearty welcome and assured me that all was well, whether it be *life* or *death*. There was no near relative to help—she was without mother or father, sister or brother. She looked so young, so beautiful, so victorious. Who was I to comfort her? I was in tears, she was radiant. I saw her twice again. She looked like an aged woman, such had been her suffering and her struggle. A second operation as a last hope was performed, and then her prayer to be free from the body was answered and she was with her God. Her lifeless form was brought to the Home and placed among a wealth of flowers.

Dr. Ketcham conducted the services; all were made better by his strong, loving words. The girls sang about her bier, and one and all, I am sure, determined to live nearer to Him.

THE THREE KINDERGARTENS

had an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-four names, an increase of eight over the previous year. The Glenn Home Kindergarten claimed fifty-two of these children. The average attendance was good.

The Glenn Home Mission Kindergarten had an average attendance of twenty-nine children. The names of forty were upon the roll. How proud they were of their beautiful room! The woodwork and floor were freshly painted by the Big Four Railroad, who have given us the building all these years free of rent. Mr. E. G. Smith, of Walnut Hills, gave us beautiful paper for the walls; the St. Paul's Circle furnished the new kindergarten chairs, and for once we felt our ideal was being realized. Then "the rain descended and the flood came and beat upon that house," and it was submerged three-quarters the way to the ceiling. Alas, for our fine kindergarten! The classes that met here daily were interrupted, though we moved back as soon as the rooms were fit for occupancy. Then in a few weeks came the second flood, and we were driven out again. We permitted the walls to go without paper all summer, that they might become thoroughly dry. The same good friend has given us a second supply of paper, but there are many other needs. Who will help?

The Riverside Kindergarten had an enrollment of thirty-two names. The flood reached this building also and greatly impeded our work. As every one was obliged to move away from the street, and as there were no sidewalks, the children could not gain access to the cottage for some weeks. But in the early spring the street and garden dried; our kind friend on Walnut Hills gave us plain green paper for the walls; the partition was taken down between the rooms; the mothers under the direction of the Superintendent painted the woodwork white, and this kindergarten was more beautiful than ever before. All of the children were urged to form the habit of morning and evening prayer in their homes. One little girl, meeting the deaconess upon the street, exclaimed, "O, Miss Bassett, I forgot to pray yesterday morning, but I prayed this morning twice to make up!"

Gascoigne has said that "A boy is better unborn than untaught." Whether this be true or not we do not know, but we do know that if we neglect the children we neglect our greatest opportunity for the future. It costs about fifteen dollars a year to keep each child in the kindergarten. Who will help the future by helping us to train these precious little ones? We especially commend this part of our work to our Circles and Home Guards. The Madisonville Circle took one of the children as their beneficiary last year. They had her visit them that all might become acquainted with her and express to her their love. We also wish to thank the Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, etc., who have helped our work among the children. The Fairmount Epworth League for years has given us fifty cents a month, and the First Church, Norwood, has given an annual contribution of five dollars. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me," comes the courteous response of the Master.

THE TWO SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Mission Sunday-school had an enrollment of one hundred. Faithful work has been accomplished by the teachers. The children were

quick to learn. They repeated the Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, and some of the Psalms in concert with great heartiness. Their singing was most enthusiastic. Upon visiting the school each quarter we were pleased with the answers given in the review of the lessons. We are grateful to Miss Herron and Miss Cramer, not only for their services during the three seasons, but for assuming charge of the school during the summer while the missionaries were away. Mr. Nivens' class has formed itself into a self-denial club; chewing gum has been given up, and many similar acts of self-denial practiced. The pennies thus saved were carefully treasured until the sum of thirty-five cents was secured, when the amount was placed in the hands of the deaconess for wise expenditure. The reward came to the class when the deaconess told the interesting details of the purchases and grateful thanks were presented from the recipients of their bounty.

The Riverside Sunday-school suffered greatly by the floods, as the children were scattered. It was summer before we could regain the old-time enthusiasm of members. We are working to secure one hundred and twenty-five members and thus equal the work of the past.

THE BOYS' CAMP.

The Mission is in the center of a thickly populated district, and it is possible to secure the attendance of a larger number of boys than we can conveniently control at very short notice. For our own comfort and that we might teach temperance, we required all boys who wished to join the club last year to take the temperance and anti-cigarette pledge. Seventy-five boys placed their hands upon the Bible while they repeated the pledge and by signing their names solemnly promised to keep it "with God's help." The son of a saloon-keeper was very thoughtful for a time, but when the question was put to him, "Have you not seen enough in your father's saloon to make you feel that you will be better off without liquor?" he hesitated no longer. Several sons of intemperate fathers signed.

The club was cosmopolitan. When in conversation with a boy from Athens, Greece, one evening, I found the boy sitting opposite had been born in England, while a Hungarian nearby had some difficulty in making the missionary understand his name. After the program refreshments were served. Prof. Dearness has promised to assume charge the coming year.

COOKING CLASSES

were held regularly each week at the Mission. Fifty children registered. Though only twelve took part in the practical lesson each time, as many as forty-two have proved the pudding by the eating. The children greatly enjoyed these lessons and often related their successes in cooking at home.

OUR THREE SEWING SCHOOLS.

The McFarland Street Sewing School was opened in October. The classes met Saturday mornings in the Public School building. Sixty children from five to thirteen years of age registered. The school was always opened with religious exercises. The children repeated Psalms and Bible texts, and joined heartily in the singing of hymns and songs. Six of the girls were graduates of the Glenn Home Kindergarten, and gladly greeted their teacher again, who was in charge of this noble work while being excused from the kindergarten for one year. On Labor Day they recited poems about the wild flowers, but had no conception of what the flowers were like. The Superintendent became acquainted with

the home life of the children and listened to their account of how they tried to earn money to purchase clothing for themselves and "help mother." A number of the children were Italians, and one nice little colored girl carried off a prize for good needlework. The Sunday-school papers and Youths' Companions, which were distributed from time to time, were greatly appreciated. Six additional teachers are needed in this school. Who will volunteer?

The Mission Sewing School met on Saturday afternoons. Eighty girls ranging from the ages of five to fifteen joined the classes. The sewing done by the children was most creditable. We can not too highly commend the faithful services of the teachers who by their devotion made this school a success.

The Riverside Sewing School met Saturday mornings. Though the work was much interrupted, the missionary did not lose heart, and an interesting class was sustained.

THE MOTHERS' MEETINGS

which were held regularly in connection with the three kindergartens were most profitable and delightful occasions. Excellent addresses were given on the home life and training of the child. Emphasis was placed upon the spiritual life. The social half hour which closed the meetings was greatly enjoyed. These associations were no small factors financially.

THE ANNUAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

Through the efforts of the missionaries eleven children were presented at the altar of St. Paul's Church on Children's Day and were baptized by Dr. Cole. With the parents stood the missionaries and a representative of the Board who responded "We do" to the question, "Do you solemnly engage to fulfill these duties, so far as in you lies, the Lord being your helper?" At the close of the service one of the mothers joined the Church on probation, having given her heart to God in the basement of the Church that morning while a representative of the Board prayed with her.

THE MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

The Glenn Home Auxiliary was one of the banner societies of the Conference. The thirty-five members, by personal gifts and the sale of articles made by their dear hands, have given one hundred and twenty dollars to the Glenn Home for the payment of the deaconess' allowance.

Ten of the members were driven from their homes by the flood. In relating their experiences they said that their first thought was for the safety of their mite boxes, that the Auxiliary might sustain no loss. Death has invaded their ranks twice during the year. One member, though confined to her bed for a year or more, always saw that her mite box was filled. How the interest in our work would be increased if each society would take a deaconess or missionary to support as this Auxiliary does!

The Glenn Home Mission Auxiliary had a membership of twelve. They met twice a week, and, besides paying their dues, gave over twelve dollars to the Glenn Home work.

THE CHEERFUL WORKERS

numbered twenty-five. They solicited seventy-seven yards of new goods and made fifty-three garments. They dressed three dozen dolls, remodeled seventy-seven garments, hemmed linen for the Home, gave shoes,

games, books, and papers to the mission. Ten dollars in cash were given to the thank-offering.

THE QUEEN ESTHER CIRCLE

was composed of twenty-five young girls from the ages of fourteen to twenty. Though the majority of them were engaged in the factories during the day, they were not too tired to meet two evenings a month to help the missionary cause. The meetings were social and spiritual occasions.

OUR HOME GUARDS

met three times a month at the Mission. They numbered thirty. They studied the Children's Home Missionary paper and the "Coming Americans" with much interest.

THE MOTHERS' JEWEL BAND

had an increased membership of forty-six; total, two hundred and seventy-three. The deaconess in visiting one of their homes heard the mother ask restless "Joe," to quiet him, "What do you want?" Quickly came the reply from the little Bible student, "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want."

CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS.

Through the generosity of Mrs. O. J. Wilson, one hundred copies of this little missionary paper have been distributed each month among the children in our various classes. These papers have not only been read with eagerness by the children, but they have been a great help to the leaders in conducting the various missionary organizations. Mrs. Wilson was one of the most generous contributors to the other departments of our work as well.

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOUND PARTY

was held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. This was not only an occasion when a large number of gifts were received for the Home and for the poor, but it was the social event of the year. In the receiving line with the Board were the newly appointed presiding elder and the ministers of the city and their wives.

SUPPLIES.

Five thousand and fifty-two second-hand garments were received at the Home and given to the poor, and new garments, comforts, etc., from our societies and merchants valued at seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and eight cents, were given away or used in the work. The goods were carefully distributed, and when at all possible a small return in cash was asked for the same. The poor closet was empty nearly all of the time on account of the demands made upon it. Two thousand garments were given out at the time of the flood in January; the missionaries supplied the needs of the people as they visited them in boats. The Board greatly appreciated the "sewing bees" that were held in Grace, Norwood; St. Paul's, Walnut Hills, by the Cheerful Workers, and sent comforts and new clothing to the Home for distribution. Through the generosity of Mr. John Gates we were enabled to supply a large number of children with shoes. The missionaries also received sums of money from different Churches to be placed by them where they found the greatest need.

FLOWERS.

Nothing seems to gladden the hearts of the people, whether in sickness or in health, more than God's beautiful blossoms. The hundreds of bouquets which our friends enabled us to distribute were eagerly received. They helped also to beautify the Glenn Home table and adorn the chamber of the dead.

SYSTEMATIC VISITATION.

About four thousand visits were made by the missionaries and kindergartners who are truly the friends of God's poor. They not only brought love and sympathy to the work, but experience. The Deaconess and one of the kindergarteners have just completed their tenth year of service, while two of the missionaries have served seven and eight years respectively, and another kindergartener four years. Their knowledge of the locality and of the people is thorough; it may be said of them, as it was of the Good Shepherd, "He knoweth His own sheep by name."

After the death of a bright little seven-year-old scholar in our Sunday-school, an only child, the mother was prostrated with grief. There was no one to comfort but the Deaconess. After repeated visits the mother was helped and strengthened and at last gloriously converted.

Visits following the death of another scholar of the Sunday-school resulted in the conversion of the mother, grandmother, grandfather, and three aunts. They all united with the Ninth Street Baptist Church. Two of the husbands of the Auxiliary members were converted during visits paid to their homes.

One poor man when tenderly urged to make his peace with God replied with trembling voice and tears in his eyes, "No one ever spoke to me like that before," and at length when asked to surrender, said, "I will for the sake of my family." The Deaconess, with a bright smile, added, "And for His sake." Thus one by one a large number have been led to Christ.

TWO HUNDRED AND ELEVEN BIBLES,

thirty Testaments, and thousands of papers and magazines were given away while visiting. The father of one of our Jewels would not believe the Bible because he could not understand it all. Gradually he was shown the sufficiency of the Bible and gave his heart to Christ. Three years ago the Deaconess sent a Bible and some tracts to a woman who had been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for theft. She took the Bible with her, read and studied it during imprisonment. Upon her release she immediately sought the Deaconess, thanked her for the gift, and with a light in her eyes whispered, "I am a changed woman."

CO-OPERATION WITH THE JUVENILE COURT.

Our Superintendent represented the Glenn Home at the Juvenile Court. She was sworn in as a Probation Officer. The Home cared for six Juveniles. Four of them stayed three months, then the Court placed them in various institutions. One girl who had run away from home was induced to return; while little "Ruth," after a year's stay with us, was placed in a good, private home in Indiana.

OUTINGS AND FESTIVALS.

Christmas festivals were held in our Sunday-schools, Sewing Schools, Kindergartens, and various classes. Between three and four hundred children received gifts. One hundred and seventy-five dolls were dressed by our various societies and given to the little girls, while the boys received harps or toys. Candy was also given in gay bags made by kind friends. Each Mission had a beautifully ornamented tree which was the center of attraction. Some of the children received no other gifts but those presented by the Glenn Home. Twenty-one dozen colored eggs were given to the children at Easter—a gift from three of the Glenn Home societies. The Sunday-schools had special exercises at Easter and much was made of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. McCarty, assisted by interested friends, gave their annual picnic at Miami Grove. The transportation and dinner were free to all, and the day was counted one of the happiest of the year.

The children were given a picnic at Eden Park, June the 8th. The Traction Company generously furnished free transportation.

A number of outings have been given the children to Burnet Woods, Lincoln Park, visit to a farm, and parties have been given them by friends. Among them was the enjoyable time given the children by the primary department of the First Church, Norwood. The girls at the Home were not forgotten, for there were special holiday dinners, Valentine and Hallowe'en parties, socials, trolley rides, and an occasional invitation to the home of a member of the Board.

THE READING CIRCLE

was in charge of Miss Hass. There were twenty-four members who were supplied with good books and encouraged to cultivate a taste for reading.

FINANCES.

References to the Treasurer's report will show that this large and many-sided missionary work has been most carefully and judicially administered. Watchfulness and economy were continually used that no debt be incurred. The work outside of the boarding department cost only $1,737.66. This department in boarding and paying the laundry of four workers, together with the $216 from Glenn Home Auxiliaries and rent of stable, make the sum total of *"self help"* over one thousand dollars. Truly you must acknowledge that money placed in our treasury has been a splendid investment.

THE GLENN HOME BOARD

wishes to thank the Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and all friends who have in any way aided the work in the past, and earnestly solicits an increase of gifts during the coming year, that our work may be more thoroughly carried on and our buildings and household effects be put in a better condition. On behalf of the Board.

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman of Committee.*

CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE.

Urbana, Ill.

The past year has been a very pleasant, and we trust a very profitable, one. Seventy-seven children have been cared for, eleven of whom have been placed in homes, twenty-two returned to friends who have been enabled to provide for them by having them temporarily relieved of their care, leaving at the present forty-four in the Home.

We have endeavored to promote their spiritual and moral growth, and at the same time have not neglected their physical welfare.

A good day school is maintained; also a wide-awake Junior League, an interesting prayer-meeting, in which many of the older children take an active part, and a Sunday-school. When the weather will permit all attend morning services at Urbana. Thirteen of the largest boys and girls have identified themselves with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Urbana since last meeting.

We strive to make "Home" a *home* for children, and not simply a place for herding them.

Through the generosity of the young men of Urbana and Champaign we have been able to provide two lawn swings and several other amusement features for the children.

We have enlarged the nursery, made changes in the play-room, renovated some of the rooms by giving a new coat of paint, and refurnishing the beds with very much-needed new mattresses, put down a hardwood floor in the front hall, and a hard-pine floor in the "Danville Room."

The grounds have been improved by putting in new fences and by clearing away and destroying the accumulated debris; cement steps have been built for the laundry and furnace room, and a number of minor, though necessary, improvements made.

The expenses for milk have been cut off, and much added to the comfort of the little ones by securing a sufficient number of young cows to furnish the "Home" with good, wholesome milk.

We are thankful that death has not entered our midst, and that the general health of the children and workers has been and is exceptionally good.

The following is a summary of the report pertaining to the care and disposition of the children from July 15th, 1906, to July 15th, 1907:

Number of children in Home	77
Number of boys in Home	32
Average age of boys	3.5
Average age of girls	5.8
Number placed in homes	11
Average age of boys placed in homes	2.5
Average age of girls placed in homes	6.5
Number returned to parents and friends	22
Number in Home at present	44
Number of boys	19
Number of girls	25

MRS. A. W. CONKLIN, *Chairman of Committee.*

ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY CHILDREN'S HOME.

MRS. GEORGE A. EYSTER, Superintendent, Hulton, Pa.

Of the passing of time we have no control, but for its use are all now answerable. These words, my dear friends, came to me in mighty force as I realized that in the swiftness of time another year has passed and that again I am privileged to bring before you a splendid report of a splendid work. It does not seem possible that we have passed another milestone, that we have celebrated another birthday, and that upon the pages of Time we are writing the new records, and yet these are but true of our Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home. Nearly three years ago the doors of this institution were opened that the homeless children might find shelter, and for these three years we believe we can render to you an excellent accounting. We shall not attempt, however, to go further back than the past year and bring before you only a few of the many interesting facts which go toward the making of our history. Under the care of an excellent matron our little family of twenty-two boys and girls are receiving the best of care. Watchful in their religious training, wise in the physical and vigilant in the educational we find her ever to be. The first seed sown in the hearts of our little ones is that of gratitude. Gratitude to their Divine Father that He in His infinite love should plant their feet in pleasant places and surround their lives with tenderest care. Gratitude from those for whom such a home was made possible. A home out of which only influence for good may go, the bounds of which know no ends this side of eternity. For the physical care of our children, we are not only indebted to our matron, but to our friend and neighbor, Dr. Hedding, whose untiring care has saved many a distress, and to Dr. Mueller, whose special gifts have saved the throats and ears of our little family. These talents, my dear friends, are given us and only the records of eternity can unfold their value. Surely we can sing with the hosts, "Of the giving of gifts there is no end." In this institution we realize that "Knowledge is Power" and are, therefore, laying its first foundation stones in a good public-school education.

Every day this little army wends its way up the hill to school and one of our greatest prayers is that some one, somewhere, may make possible greater opportunities for a higher education. How natural and how easy it is to run on in endless praise of the Home, yet we know that our report must come to a close. This, however, we can not do without calling special attention to an item of our Treasurer's report. Those of you who heard our work reviewed last year will recall that it took $6,118 to meet the current expenses. This year by knowledge gained from experience we were able to reduce our cost of maintenance fifteen hundred dollars, and this in view of the fact that provisions and clothing are greatly increased in price. Also may I add that every week our expenses have been greatly reduced by a splendid gift from one of our townsmen, Mr. R. B. Ward, in the nature of "our daily bread." This gift has been coming to us for months and means a greatly reduced account and a greatly increased treasury. In round numbers it means a saving of about three hundred dollars a year. Truly we are blessed of a King and some day in the great "Afterwhile" may we be permitted to hear Him say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my children, ye have done it unto me."

(MRS.) P. D. PERCHMENT, *Chairman of Committee.*

ELIZABETH E. MARCY INDUSTRIAL HOME.

139 Newberry Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Another year is past, another year's work to be accounted for, and we come rejoicing that we can report that Marcy Home takes no backward step in its work as a social settlement and industrial home.

To especially emphasize the religious part of our work has ever been foremost in our hearts and efforts.

Our religious services have all been held regularly, and on May 7th, 1907, the Rev. H. V. Holt (Presiding Elder) presiding, the Church organization was legally completed and the name Marcy Church was chosen. We began with thirty-six members and fifteen probationers.

The number is now thirty-eight members and twelve probationers.

The Sunday-school, Epworth and Junior League, King's Daughters, Queen Esther Circle, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels are doing good work.

Most of this work is done among Bohemian people.

The Guards have raised $7.63 and the Mothers' Jewels $13.07. The money in the Sunday-school birthday bank, about $12, has not been appropriated. Over $80 has been raised for benevolent purposes.

In addition, we have organized Temperance and Anti-Cigarette work among the Jewish children. A Teachers' Training Class is connected with the Sunday-school. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were given to many families as usual. Some gifts were received for this work. The Christmas exercises were held as usual, with a tree, gifts of candy, nuts, and a present to each scholar. Over forty dolls and other gifts were donated for this purpose.

Funds were sent in for the expenses, and a margin of $12.54 was paid to the Treasurer.

Easter Day was observed with offerings for Missions.

Children's Day was observed with offerings for the Children's Educational Fund.

The annual picnic was held July 18th at Columbia Park.

In no branch of the work is the advance more noticeable than in the dispensary where, with six efficient doctors, an eye and ear specialist, and a nurse, we have treated four thousand six hundred and eighteen patients, or an average of three hundred and eighty-five per month. Last year there were three thousand two hundred and ninety-four patients.

We also notice the advance made in the music department, where five hundred and thirty-two piano lessons have been given.

The kindergarten is a joy to all our hearts; little Asa followed some children he knew and entered one day, not knowing a word of our language or his name or where he lived, but to-day his face beams with rapture, because he can understand the teacher. The Mothers' Club was a great factor for good connected with this work. We feel that money can not be unwisely spent in teaching order, cleanliness, love of the beautiful, not learned in a basement home without a ray of sunshine during the day.

But why specialize, for all the fifteen departments have done good work and the results are gratifying.

As the years pass the doors are opened wider for our field missionary, Miss Hall.

The sick and the sorrowing, the sinful and the suffering alike give her a welcome.

To all she is the sympathetic burden bearer.

From the departments the financial report shows an increase of $171.22 over the balance of last year. The building has been kept in repair and all bills met.

As soon as our funds will warrant it we will break ground for the addition to our building where we can rejoice in larger quarters for our gymnasium, manual training, day nursery, etc.

The Superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. Warrington, have accepted many invitations to present our work in Auxiliaries and Conventions and thus have increased interest in our work.

With Miss Margaret Handers, from our National Training-school, in charge of our domestic science department; and Miss Mary Kokes, from our Kansas City Training-school (having peculiar advantages in this work, as she speaks the Bohemian language), as an additional field missionary, and with an efficient corps of workers in every department of the work and with the blessing of God upon our efforts we begin the new year with expectations of greater success.

It was with a feeling of very great regret that through a painful accident I was prevented from being in attendance at Boston, but our most efficient Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Hubbell, presented the annual report.

MRS. W. H. EMERSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

UTICA ITALIAN MISSION.

98 Third Ave., Utica, N. Y.

This Mission was organized by the Conference Officers of the Northern New York Conference Society in the spring of 1906 and is under the jurisdiction of the Conference Society.

A local Board was organized in the City of Utica consisting of members nominated by the local pastors and elected by the Officers of the Conference Society. All members of the local Board, where vacancy exists, are now nominated by the local Board and elected by the Conference Officers. They have a local jurisdiction and are subject to the Conference Officers to whom they report quarterly.

The workers employed at the Mission are a Superintendent, Miss Hattie E. Davis, Deaconess, and Miss Clara M. Simmons, Kindergartner. The Deaconess' Work is proving effective as she visits the homes of the poor and afflicted. One family, Mr. Grillo's, whose wife had consumption, have been converted. He is one of the charter members in the organization of the new Italian Church in Utica. The wife and mother has since passed away.

There are seventeen thousand Italians in Utica and ours is the first Protestant Christian work among them. Our efforts have resulted in the organization of a Methodist Church, which is entirely separate from our Mission. It is certainly a most promising field for home missionary endeavor. Our present workers are day by day gaining the confidence and affection of these people and their activity is only limited by their strength. The work is taking on permanency and influence week by week, and promises a great development in the near future.

MRS. I. L. HUNT, *Conference President.*

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

Miss HENRIETTA A. BANCROFT, General Superintendent and Field Secretary.
21 East Adams Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Again we come bringing our annual report of the Deaconess Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church as carried forward by the help of its Woman's Home Missionary Society.

For eighteen consecutive years these reports have been presented, because of the formal adoption by this Society of the Deaconess Work in this historic city nineteen years ago. One of our number, as a result of her two years' study of this blessed enterprise in foreign lands, had brought from Europe stories concerning the life and labors of consecrated women, who, as deaconesses, were giving themselves freely for others. She also presented various phases of this form of Christian service as administered in Germany and France, as well as in Great Britain.

The Deaconess at that time represented to our Methodism practically a new work, which had the preceding May received the first endowment of the General Conference. But during these nineteen years it has been tested and not found wanting. We therefore step forward into the twentieth year with stronger zeal and larger faith.

Three years ago the work had grown to such proportions that a division was imperative, and at the Annual Meeting of 1904 out of the one Bureau were created five new Deaconess Bureaus, and a Deaconess Secretary was elected for each of these Bureaus. These five distinct Deaconess Bureaus with the General Superintendent and the Chairman of the Training Schools and the Field Secretary constitute the Deaconess Department of our work.

The division of the one Bureau into five grew out of the need of more hands, heads, and hearts in close touch with this phase of Christian activity. In a work of this character complex problems necessarily arise, and in multitude of counsel there is wisdom. I must again express my indebtedness to each of these five Secretaries for her loyalty in pushing forward the interests of her work.

Each of these five Bureau Secretaries reports the Homes under her care to the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, and thus is formed a close organization through which are presented the details of service and the needs in various cities and towns from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada far down into the Southern States.

As the General Conference of 1880 had commissioned the Woman's Home Missionary Society to go forward and develop its interests, and as our branch of the Deaconess Work is a Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, our Deaconess Work has, therefore, the endorsement of the General Conference. To add strength to this commission, the General Conference again in 1896 mentioned in its endorsement of Deaconess Work the names of both the Woman's Home and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies as agencies for this service. Again, in the lines of service expected of the deaconess the Discipline enumerates as the specific duties of the deaconess the very duties the Woman's Home Missionary Society has also been meeting for twenty-seven years with its missionaries. Hence we had thrust upon us the duty of going forward to possess the land as rapidly as workers and money for its development could be gathered.

The fact that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is organized in ninety-nine Conferences gives us a large constituency accustomed to working with and under an organized body. Familiarity with the methods of organization has caused us to give close attention to the most desired methods in the developing and strengthening of our branch of Deaconess Work. The quality of the service has been such as to commend itself to the Church at large, so that its representatives have little difficulty in obtaining pulpits in any part of our country. This fact has been a great advantage by making possible the gathering of large funds for its maintenance. Thus we have been able to accumulate in real estate for the housing of our Training Schools and Deaconess Homes property to the value of $724,528.

Recently at Chautauqua Bishop Henry Potter pressed home this vital question, "What is the relation of the Church of God to the social unrest of the country?" He cited the indifference of the Church to the social conditions of the masses, called attention to the lack of interest shown by the Church to their mental, moral, and physical upbuilding, and contrasted this indifference with the warm, earnest sympathy due the unfortunate from the true followers of Christ. The Bishop then added: "If the institutional Church be a means of bringing the Church into a profound sympathy with human life, then the founder of our religion instituted the institutional church."

When Christ found the hungry, He fed them; when He saw the diseased, He healed them. When He found the blind, He made them to see. Note how He did this Himself. How often He illustrated the principles of the New Testament by means of service directly from the human hand!

We believe heartily in the Institutional Church and in its activities. But let us not condemn the usual methods of the Church. Its duties are multitudinous, and it has felt called upon to give its attention largely to the development of spiritual life. If it has not been "institutional" in the sense of meeting the physical needs of the masses, it has striven through its agencies to accomplish this end. The deaconess and missionary are reaching out tender, loving sympathy to the sinning, the sorrowing, and suffering, and doing this in kindly, sympathetic, hand-to-hand ministrations. If the mass of the Church membership had grasped the thought of personal responsibility much more could have been accomplished for Christ. However, family and social demands are all-absorbing and to few is given an "open vision."

We rejoice that in our Church the deaconess is bringing the chasm between the poor and the rich. The presence of luxury on every hand draws to it the gaze of those who know not where to find their daily bread. Is it any wonder that these sufferers rebel against their own conditions as contrasted with the lavish expenditures under their very eyes? This spirit of turbulence is met by the deaconess in her visitations, and she discovers that she is to minister, enacting the parts of both Mary and Martha, if she can lead these lost sheep to their Shepherd.

During the year the Maine Conference has had the faith to undertake the purchase of a new Deaconess Home, and greatly has honored its leaders. St. Paul, Minnesota, has also opened a new Deaconess Home and started out in an earnest endeavor with at present only three workers. To the Buffalo Home has come a bequest by which a new institutional building will soon be erected. These will be more fully reported by the Secretaries of the Bureaus in which they are located.

A year ago the deed for the Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital was presented at our Annual Meeting to the Woman's Home Missionary

Society. After its acceptance by the Conference Board of Nine two nurse deaconesses were sent to that institution. Most of the time since its opening the hospital has been full of patients, and so successful has been the work of the hospital that Mrs. Burge has presented to it a large lot adjoining, upon which is being erected a large building, which, with the property now held, will be worth not less than $50,000.

Some years ago we had a well-established Deaconess Work in the city of Wilmington, from which most capable workers were coming in and going out in the Lord's service. The hearts of our friends in Wilmington have never ceased to long for their Deaconess Home, and we have again opened with two workers. We congratulate the women of the Wilmington Conference over their well-matured plans. We trust the future will reveal a large amount of effective labor for them.

During the past year the Heavenly Father has been gracious to us in sparing the lives of most of our workers. Three deaconesses have slipped from our loving grasp into the arms of their Savior. Miss Churchwell, from the Brooklyn Home, has entered into her rest; Miss Kittie Dunn, from the Buffalo Deaconess Home, and Miss Mae Parrish, from the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. More detailed accounts of their translation will be found in the reports of the Conferences to which they belong.

From the beginning of our Deaconess Work Mrs. D. A. Minard has been a most valued co-laborer. For fifteen years she was Assistant Secretary of what was until recently the one Deaconess Bureau. When this Bureau was divided three years ago Mrs. Minard accepted the Secretaryship of the Central Deaconess Bureau. Failure in health has compelled her to send to this meeting her resignation of the duties she has most faithfully performed for so many years. Our hearts are pained at the loss that is ours, but she will still be found our earnest and active ally despite the fact that we shall miss her wise counsel.

At the Annual Meeting, in Brookline, upon the nomination of the General Superintendent, Miss Bertha Fowler, the present superintendent of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, was elected as assistant to the General Superintendent, and also as the Field Secretary of the Deaconess Department, Miss Bancroft having resigned this latter office.

This is an important advanced step, from which we expect added help in our expanded work. We give Miss Fowler a cordial welcome to our official ranks and can also assure her a hearty welcome awaiting her entrance upon her duties.

Standing Committee on National Training Schools.

Mrs. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, Chairman.

I am inviting you to the pleasures of Memory. In the busy life that most of us lead, very little space is allotted for careful searching of the road that we have traveled.

Rarely do we pause to study the milestones and note the changes that have marked our journey to this Annual Meeting. But we are here at Boston—a name to conjure with—in education, in literature, in history. To us of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Boston means the first steps distinctively such taken to start the Deaconess Work of our Society. Previously there were among our number earnest souls actuated by the Christ Spirit who were caring for the sinful, the sorrowing, the helpless, and the afflicted in our large cities. However, the General Conference of Methodism in May, 1888, gave official sanction to the office

and work of the deaconess, and in the November following our Society held its meeting in Boston.

How well do I recall that meeting! How vividly! How real comes before me the personality of those godly, gracious, Christian women who were then our Administrative officers. Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes, stately, benignant—watching us with sympathy as she sat on the platform delegating her duties as presiding officer to Mrs. Dr. Davis, who well cared for them, guiding our deliberations with charm, fairness, and dignity. Our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rust, was then in health and vigor, strong, cheery, optimistic, with unbounded faith in our great cause and in the women who supported her and who had gathered here in large numbers. Mrs. Clark, our Treasurer, Mrs. Aiken, our faithful Recording Secretary. Can you wonder that although the youngest Society of the Church, at that time lacking much of our present strength, we yet felt equal to the occasion presented by the sanction of Deaconess workers given by the Church in May, 1888?

If you do not know of those early days, read up our Annual Report. Note how modestly we started. Just a committee formed with one member, the Chairman, and she left free to form her committee. This special form of Christian service was new to our women, but what faith and love they gave to the Chairman of that Deaconess Committee! How patient with her efforts in new untried paths! My heart goes out in gratitude for the kind, cheering words, the loyal support, the fervent prayers of our women in those early days, and I should add through all these days until the present time. No wonder our cause grew and prospered. God's blessing rested upon it. When we met in Boston nineteen years ago this October, we had no consecrated deaconess in her quiet garb. I was about to say, not a dollar of money, but before we left, Capt. Thomas handed one hundred dollars to Mrs. Rust, after my first little talk of the work.

It is not needful to recall all the intervening steps. At the publication of the Annual Report of 1906-7 the Deaconess Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society reports that our Homes and Institutions are worth $724,328, our deaconesses and probationers number nearly five hundred, not speaking of the students in our Training Schools, who are preparing for service. There was collected, largely through Local Boards, only a minor portion coming through our General Treasury, $159,793.98 for maintaining the work.

The Deaconess Department is composed of five large Bureaus dividing our country geographically from our most Eastern Home, at Portland, Maine, to the Pacific Coast. Read the reports of our earnest, self-denying secretaries, and learn of our Deaconess Work in their Bureaus. As our Annual Meeting is mostly to give an account of our Stewardship for the last year and to receive directions for the coming year, the duties of the officers of the Department are administrative. Consequently, the administrators are present rather than the deaconesses, as at the General Missionary Committee the administrators will be present rather than the missionaries.

The three National Training Schools at Washington, Kansas City, and San Francisco have had their usual year's record of duties quietly, thoroughly performed day by day.

The Lucy Webb Hayes School at Washington will be described to you by one competent to tell you of its fine work, its President, Rev. Dr. C. W Gallagher. (See Report.)

Kansas City Training School is having a thrifty, prosperous growth.

Fisk Hall is crowded with students, and Miss Anna Neiderheiser, the energetic, capable Superintendent, is already pleading for enlarged quarters. (See Report.)

San Francisco Training School has worked heroically against difficulties. Our building, with fractured foundations, fallen chimneys, and cracked walls, has been repaired and a school has been maintained during the year. During the last days of rehabilitation, our deaconesses working in San Francisco walked weary miles, climbing over debris, visiting the needy people in tents, serving those who needed their help, and striving to make the love of Christ known to the sinful. (See Report.)

The Conference Training Schools are those that have arisen within the bounds of three of our Annual Conferences. They are supported and conducted by the Conference Society. They are located at Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Des Moines, Iowa.

We call special attention to the growth of the School at Des Moines, Iowa, reported in the list of institutions, and also to the increasing usefulness of the Aldrich Memorial School at Grand Rapids, Mich., as shown in its report.

Training School Managers.

The National Training Schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society have a very valuable set of supporters in the Training School Managers that are nominated in every Conference, whose duty it is to look throughout the Conference for capable, consecrated young women to enter this form of Christian service, and to study the young women and see that only such are sent to our Training Schools as will make choice workers for Christ.

It may seem invidious to particularize names when so many are doing noble service. Mrs. C. Behymer, of the Indiana Conference, the Eastern Ohio Conference, the Central Pennsylvania, the Detroit Conference, these all deserve honorable mention. The Detroit Conference is represented through Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss, the Manager, and Mrs. J. G. Haller, Secretary of Young People's Work, both having been especially active in providing students for our Training Schools.

Mrs. Fannie Lynch, Conference Manager of the Southwest Kansas Conference, has made perhaps the most wonderful record of the year. During the past year there were thirteen young women from this Conference attending the National Training Schools at Washington and Kansas City, five of whom graduated in the Kansas City School.

Dear Training School Manager, your work is outlined very clearly before you. We ask that you work and pray. Ruskin says: "If you do not wish for the Kingdom of God within you, don't pray for it, but if you do you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it. It is a Kingdom that is to come to us; we are not to go to it."

Now, certainly the mission of inspiring and influencing noble young life to devote itself to a great cause is a fine mission, and if our training school managers realize that such a mission is theirs, they will be filled with the joy of the service. Then the manager has a further duty in securing at least $100 a year toward the training of a student, and each will feel like thanking God for such a noble way in which to continue her influence through the lives of others. Some one has said, "Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm, as light begets light; who holds his lighted torch to the unlighted torch of his neighbor, doubles the light about the two." Let us be enthusiastic in service.

In closing my report, I desire to express heartfelt gratitude for the valuable services of the members of the National Training School Committee. The larger policy entered upon one year ago of increasing the members of the Committee by the addition of three additional members for each of the three National Training Schools has proven a wise and successful measure, as it has been tried in connection with the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School. The policy is to be extended to the Training Schools at Kansas City and San Francisco the coming year.

Standing Committee on the Permanent Deaconness Fund.

MRS. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, Chairman,
425 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.
MRS. MAY CUMISKY BLISS, Field Secretary, Saginaw, Mich.
MRS. MARGARET DELIGHT MOORS, Custodian,
53 Elizabeth St., W., Detroit, Mich.

This noble fund is a sacred one. It is money being accumulated and honorably owed to our deaconesses to insure them freedom from care and anxiety in the days that are bound to come to every one of us; days of lessened physical vigor, when our hands must slowly relax the grasp of active work; when we must quietly wait for the call of our loving Master to the coronation beyond, to the consummation of a life of joyful Christian service.

Our deaconesses are exhorted to let their days be free from care of the future. We can only honorably exhort them to the state of mind "at leisure from itself, free to soothe and sympathize," when we as administrators take upon ourselves the beautiful duty of providing for their future.

The Permanent Deaconess Fund has two ways of collecting its moneys:

First. We ask that every institution blessed with the service of deaconess set aside $5 each year for each deaconess, licensed and unlicensed, toward the Permanent Deaconess Fund. The Homes not contributing to this fund have no good ground to ask aid for their workers in the future. This is a paltry sum for Homes receiving the entire services of a deaconess, and of itself is no adequate sum for the care of our superannuated workers. In stations where deaconesses serve alone, it is expected that $10 be paid annually into this fund, as such stations have no continued responsibility for the care of disabled workers.

Second. We ask that each Conference in our Society shall appoint a Secretary for the Permanent Deaconess Fund, whose duty it shall be to collect one hundred dollars a year, outside of the regular Auxiliaries of the Society, to pay into this fund.

From these two sources, and from special gifts by annuities and bequests, our aim is to build up a fund of one hundred thousand dollars. As yet, we have only a small amount—a little over two thousand dollars—but the loyal women of our Society are becoming interested and we are having many requests to tell the people about the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

Two advance steps were taken at the Annual Meeting of 1907 that will add to the efficient fostering care of this fund. A Field Secretary was appointed to make this fund her special care, and Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss, already a Reserve Organizer of the Society, was elected to be the Field Secretary. Before her marriage, Mrs. Bliss was a deaconess in

active, useful service, and is well fitted by experience and entire sympathy with the cause to serve as field worker for this fund.

The second important step was the creation of a Standing Committee to care for this fund, which will insure its permanent supervision by the Society. The Custodian of the Fund is Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, superintendent of the Detroit Deaconess Home. All funds should be sent her, and will be reported by her to the Treasurer of the Society.

Report of Mrs. Margaret D. Moors,

Custodian.

From the tiny rivulet of gold given in 1905, and aggregating $604 as a nucleus for a fund to provide necessary care and home for invalid and aged deaconesses, the stream of beneficence is slowly growing, until to-day we are able to report a little over $2,000 belonging to this fund.

We record with pleasure and gratitude what has been done the present year. Nevertheless, nothing short of a river of gifts sweeping along into a fund of $100,000 will satisfy our desire or meet our sacred obligations. This sum, if secured, would yield interest enough to cover all present emergencies and the ever increasing demands.

We submit herewith a financial statement of the moneys given in 1905-06, that credit may be given where it is due.

Buffalo Deaconess Home	$35.00
Baltimore Conference	50 00
Cleveland Deaconess Home	55 00
Colorado Springs Hospital	
Detroit Conference	182 35
Genesee Conference	46 50
Holloway Deaconess Home	10 00
Indiana Conference	30 00
Knoxville Deaconess Home	5 00
Martinsburg Deaconess Home	5 00
North Indiana Conference	12 50
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	
San Francisco National Training School	55 00
Southern California Deaconess Home	45 00
West Virginia Conference	5 00
West Wisconsin Conference	25 00

Both the Colorado Springs Hospital and the Philadelphia Deaconess Home have met their obligations for the year 1906-07 by giving personal care and support to individual deaconesses too ill for service.

Dear women, this cause merits greater generosity. The poet Whittier has given us the story of the priest who, while kneeling at the altar, heard the cry of the woman in great distress, who was pleading for aid that she might redeem her first-born son, who was a galley-slave. The priest assured her of his prayers.

"O, man," she cried, "I ask not for prayer, but gold." The priest replied, "We are always poor." She, intent on securing what alone would purchase the freedom of her boy, cried:

> "Give me the silver candlesticks
> On either side of this great crucifix.
> God may well spare them, on His errand sped,
> Or He can give you golden ones instead."

The priest begged pardon, declaring that

"Our most gracious Lord,
Who loveth mercy more than sacrifice,
Puts upon the human soul a prize
Above the gifts that are on altars piled.
Take what thou askest and redeem thy child."

He placed the gift within the beggar's empty palms.

"So the day passed, and when the twilight came
He woke to find the chapel all aflame,
And dumb with grateful wonder to behold
Upon the altar candlesticks of gold."

Let us give even of our sacred treasures to this fund, trusting our Father for His return.

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DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE AND LITERARY STUDIES.

The school comes to the close of another year with abundant occasion for gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the blessings.

For the first time in its history a missionary class was organized at the beginning of the year. The missionary, as distinguished from the deaconess course, emphasizes studies in domestic science. Ten hours a week were thought by the Faculty to meet the requirements of these subjects.

In addition to these industrial features of the missionary course, the student has had teaching in basket weaving, kitchen garden, a course in physical culture, and some lines of kindergarten. It is thereby possible for one who desires to fit herself for effective work as a missionary to secure a fine equipment in different forms of industrial work and entertainment, while obtaining considerable instruction in the Bible and other important subjects. The catalogue for 1907-08 gives an outline of the work proposed, although some changes may be made according to the wishes of the class.

Instruction in the various departments has gone forward in very much the same manner as in previous years. It has been the steady aim of all the teachers to give the very best results of their own study. In some branches experts from outside have been invited in to give to the class the benefit of experience in applying the principles taught. Lectures also have been secured on subjects helpful to the purposes of the school. Rev. Mr. Hooper, of Borneo; Mrs. Bainbridge, of California; Senator Dubois, on Mormonism; Bishop Harris, of Japan, and many others, very kindly contributed of their knowledge and experience to the interest and profit of the students.

The religious character and spirit of the school have been objects of study and prayer. While all have the advantage of Sunday service in the various Churches, as well as the mid-week, the school maintains its own religious meetings for the development and deepening of the spiritual life. Chapel service is held four evenings in the week and attendance is required. A general prayer-meeting for all occurs on Thursday evening, and meetings are held by the different classes on Saturday evening. To accommodate any who for any reason may not attend Church on Sunday evening, a vesper service is held in Rust Hall Chapel at 6 o'clock, with an address by the president on some practical Bible theme.

The graduating class has been the largest in the history of the school. The members were distributed as follows: Deaconess Course, 21; Missionary Course, 2; Nurse-Deaconess Course, 1; Nurses, 21; Kindergarten, 2; in all, forty-seven. It often occurs that a graduate of the Deaconess Course takes the nurse training, and also sometimes the nurses take the Bible Course. Accordingly, nine of the graduates have had both Bible and nurse-training, although some of these did not take the entire Nurse Course.

Commencement was particularly interesting. Rev. Dr. Merrill E. Gates gave the address on hospital night, and Mrs. W. P. Thirkield on graduating evening. The presence of the members of the Committee on National Training Schools—Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Chairman; Miss H. A. Bancroft, Mrs. D. L. Williams, Mrs. W. C. Herron, Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, and Mrs. E. L. Welden—added to the interest of commencement season. Mrs. Robinson and Miss Bancroft spoke to the students. Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, the President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was also present and spoke. At

the close of commencement graduating exercises, Miss Bancroft read off the appointments of the members of the class who had been provided with places.

Every effort has been made to secure a large attendance the coming year. Literature has been sent out broadcast over the country, and excellent notices have been given of the school in some of the Church papers, especially the *Epworth Herald,* which furnished almost two pages for this purpose. There is every reason to believe that these efforts have not been without fruit. The article in the *Epworth Herald* has been heard from many times. With the large number of training schools making the most strenuous efforts to secure students, and a limited number of young women who are willing to enter the work, there is need that every one who has an interest in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society should persuade every available young woman to undertake the training.

Sibley Hospital.

Department for Training of Nurse Deaconesses.

Sibley Memorial Hospital, which is such an important part of the National Training School, has had a very successful year. Nearly eleven hundred patients have been cared for, of whom two hundred were free, and nearly as many more paid only in part the cost of their medicine and care. The hospital, independent of the cost of the professional services, has put out in charity during the year at least $5,000. Two thousand dispensary and emergency cases were treated, and ten thousand prescriptions were compounded. As in previous years, almost every denomination has been received, and almost every State in the United States and many foreign countries have been represented in the patients.

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The past year has been the best year of our history, and marks a decided progress in growth and efficiency. The young women have come to us better prepared by previous education, rendering the class work much broader, more satisfactory, effective.

Most gratifying results have come from the practical work, especially from that connected with our Mission. Many changes have taken place in families and in the character of the locality. Regular departmental settlement work is being carried on. Besides this, and the practical work that has been done in Churches, weekly services have been held for girls in factories, also at the Crittendon Home. Assistance has also been given to other social settlements in the city, and much has been accomplished by co-operation with the Associated Charities of the city.

A beautiful spirit and influence has prevailed in our school life. Our regular chapel and prayer services, as well as recitation and lecture periods have been occasions of deep spiritual interest.

Commencement week followed by the Deaconess Conference was a time long to be remembered. Twelve young women were sent out to their different fields of labor. The total enrollment for the year was forty-eight.

The Faculty will differ somewhat from last year, including a few additions. The outlook for the coming year is exceedingly gratifying. All candidates are at least high school graduates. Our Home was all furnished and occupied the past year and we expect an annex in addition for the coming year.

We are truly grateful to God for the manner in which He has poured out His blessings upon our work, and to the members and friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society who have given us such loyal support. We anticipate much for the Master the coming year.

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San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home.

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The work of a dynamo or Corliss engine can be accurately computed and reported. The work of a faithful, consecrated disciple can not be. There are outgoings of heart and soul that can never be expressed in words. It requires an immense expenditure of time and physical energy to rebuild a fallen fire-swept city, and there must likewise be a vast expenditure of heart energy and self-denying toil in restoring hope, courage, and faith in those who in a day sank from comparative independence and even opulence to the depths of penury and utter bankruptcy.

From the southern slope of Olivet Jesus looked upon the doomed city and wept. Nineteen centuries later He beheld with a fathomless pity another city in unspeakable distress and desolation, for it was none other than the spirit of Jesus that prompted the deaconesses and students to go forth among the homeless, heart-sick refugees with a message full of hope and a hand quick to help. Appeals for all kinds of assistance have been continuous and have come from every side, and the willingness and readiness to minister to the poor, sick, and discouraged at any cost of personal comfort has told eloquently of the Christ Spirit that inspired the heroic service rendered.

Thousands of burdens have become lighter, thousands of lives brighter by the coming of a deaconess with her word of good cheer learned at the Master's feet. Greater discouragements have never been faced anywhere than in the crowded camps of refugees where all forms of immorality have like a pestilence run riot, sweeping by its swift current thousands of innocent boys and girls down to the dark abyss. The story of the awful sacrifice of virtue and innocence can never be told. It has been a veritable "Slaughter of the innocents." Let the broken-hearted mothers tell the story by their tears.

One mother, who to protect her fourteen-year-old daughter had sent her to the country, said in our Home she would rather take her own child's life than expose her to the temptations of camp life.

The corrupt and conscienceless city officials opened a saloon on every corner and permitted dens of iniquity to thrive in the midst of camps crowded to suffocation. When whisky and beer began to flow like water the troubles occasioned by the earthquake and fire were greatly increased, and no wonder that many women were driven to desperation and suicide.

Amid such surroundings our deaconesses and students have toiled during the past year with a spirit undaunted and always hopeful.

In several of the camps Sunday-schools were organized and regular services maintained. Thus the children were taught the way of life and the poor had the Gospel preached to them.

The work in the study hour and class-room has been up to the standard and with pride we introduce our graduates to the great Society and Church whose loyal support make our Training School possible. We have had a strong and competent corps of instructors who to a large extent have donated their services. For such efficient help we are profoundly grateful.

The invalid soldiers at the Presidio have not received as much attention this year as formerly, still they have not been forgotten or ignored.

The carpenter, paper-hanger, and painter have been wiping out and

hiding the rents and scars made on our walls by the earthquake, thus rendering our Home more comfortable, safe, and attractive.

We enjoy the enthusiastic confidence and good-will of all our graduates and students and hope the coming year will prove the best in the history of our institution.

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

EASTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. W. L. BOSWELL, Secretary.
644 N. 32d Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Deaconess Work in this Bureau has prospered during the year.

In the cities where new buildings were secured last year the work has broadened to meet greater opportunities for usefulness and thereby justify the increased expenditure in money and of skilled and loving service.

It is impossible in statistics or the lines permitted to in any adequate sense report the great good emanating from such Homes as those in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn. These three large Homes stand as typical of the kind of work being done throughout the Bureau.

From the Brooklyn Home the largest number of deaconesses serve as parish workers.

At the Philadelphia Home a number serve as parish workers, and in addition a neighborhood work is conducted with its many forms of activity in helping people to help themselves; the kindergarten, kitchen-garten, gymnasium, numerous industrial classes, together with an up-to-date Sunday-school and Junior Epworth League, all combining to influence in the building up of character.

From the Baltimore Home, with its fair proportion of parish workers, go a number of kindergartners to various centers of mission work and thereby molding the lives of numbers of children.

Other Homes in Washington, Newark, Jersey City, Albany, New Haven, Conn., and Portland, Ore., have developed successfully along these same lines of work.

Stone Settlement and Deaconess Home at Martinsburg, W. Va., was dedicated early in the fiscal year under most auspicious circumstances, adding one more to the list of deaconess centers within the bounds of the Baltimore Conference. Rosedale Mission Settlement in Washington, the outgrowth of faith and works of a deaconess and assistant, has bright prospects for the coming year.

In June of this year the Wilmington Conference Deaconess Home was formally opened and occupying a field where the developing of deaconess work in its various lines had long been desired—promises are bright for its future success.

The crying need of hand-to-hand work in lifting up the degraded in our cities demands that our Deaconess Home Boards look to the broadening of the work to be done by the deaconesses, trained women who will know how to get results and deal with conditions as they are, from a knowledge of cause and effect. Up-to-date methods of procedure as well as equipment are what should be considered as the means of making our Homes not merely abiding places of deaconesses, but the centers of missionary effort, such as shall tell in the upbuilding of future citizenship

—the reclaiming of the offspring of earlier immigrants and the evangelizing of the foreigners now invading whole sections of our large cities.

The deaconesses in stations are realizing the hold upon the people resulting from loving service rendered in many ways.

The deaconesses at Hazleton and Berwick, Pa., have done valuable preliminary work for what in the near future should be recognized by the Society at large as a suitable and inviting field for a *Mission Work* among the foreigners of the Anthracite Mining Section. Its development already demands a larger support than the Conference, of which it is a part, is able to give it. The heroic work of the deaconess should appeal to all. The "incoming millions" are settling largely in this Anthracite Section—and no other Protestants have taken the field among them. Are *we* as a Society to disobey the call? May we not give this "deaconess missionary" the assurance that with the completion of our Silver Offering this "open door" will be among the *first* to be entered by our Society?

The aid to the suffering during the epidemic of typhoid gave the deaconess stationed at Scranton, Pa., an added opportunity to endear herself to the people she so loyally served.

The demand for deaconesses is still a perplexing problem, and especially as the standard rises in proportion to the broadening of the character of work.

The need for the Permanent Deaconess Fund has been brought to the attention of all the Boards of Management, though as yet little response has been made.

With gratitude for the blessing of the past year we joyfully enter a new year of endeavor, trusting in God our leader.

Baltimore Deaconess Home.

1301 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Miss H. C. HENRY, Superintendent.

The comforts of our new Home are fully appreciated as worn with the fatigues of the blessed day's service, we find rest and quiet for the necessary preparation toward the morrow's duties.

In this privileged life we have five deaconesses who are pastor's assistants—each one an important adjunct to the parish, helping to carry out the various lines of helpfulness. Our nurse deaconess seems invaluable to the Aged People's Home. One of our number has gone to the hospital for nurse-training. Another who has gladly served her Master in our Home for ten years is called aside to rest awhile, but will soon return to her unfilled place. We have, however, connected with our Home fourteen deaconesses and probationers.

The importance of our industrial and institutional forms of deaconess service is more and more convincing as we realize the advantage given us in various neighborhoods, especially those of foreign people; Americans and Germans, Italians and Polish, Lithuanian and Russian, Bohemian and Jewish children are associated together in Kindergarten Clubs and Sewing Schools under the care and influence of deaconesses.

We have added to our industrial lines a Guild of Polish Young Women.

All of our deaconesses, whether parish or teaching, visit the needy and afflicted whether rich or poor, and all hold gospel services and conduct various forms of group work.

Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home.

576 George St., New Haven, Conn.

Miss JESSIE E. ARBUCKLE, Superintendent.

The second year of our Deaconess Work will soon be completed, and in this, as in the first, we have realized the guiding hand of God.

Four licensed deaconesses and one student compose our family. We are fortunately located for school work, as the Yale University opens its doors to our students, thus making thorough training possible, while our school is still in its infancy.

The Italian Mission, under our charge, has prospered and we feel that is to be of benefit in city evangelization.

The Sunday-schools have felt the quickening influence of our deaconesses.

I can not refrain from uttering one word of petition for young women for this coming year. We have a beautiful Home, a well-organized work, fine consecrated women, but a larger work awaits us with the incoming of God-led young women.

The Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School.

238 President Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss PRISCILLA FOSTER, Superintendent.

Henry Van Dyke says:

"Heaven is blest with perfect rest,
But the blessing of earth is toil."

If this be true, then the workers in our Deaconess Home have had during the past year, surely in an unusual degree, "the blessing of earth." For toil, sweet and satisfying, has daily been ours. And as the burdens have been lited from tired shoulders of weary mothers; and the sick and poor been ministered to—fed and clothed and warmed; little ones, sick and wan, taken to the seashore or sent to the country for a vacation; we have exclaimed with joy, "Toil for Him is pleasure!"

We have had considerable sickness in our family. Two of our workers have been obliged to leave the work; while dear Miss Churchwell, our Senior Deaconess, was suddenly called to her Heavenly Home on the first Sunday in December, the only time the Death Angel has ever visited our Brooklyn Home. We miss sadly from our midst her cheery presence and faithful life.

Jersey City Deaconess Home.

117 York Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Miss ANNA C. BEALE, Superintendent.

The past year has given us new friends and more interest in the deaconess movement in Jersey City. The nurse deaconess, Miss Bertha E. Dean, graduate of Sibley Hospital, returned to us last fall and is doing most excellent work as district nurse. Miss Mary S. Nodine and Miss Ada A. Funk have been graduated from the Training School and are serving in Simpson and Palisade Churches, Jersey City, while the other

deaconesses are still serving in their same fields. Miss Oliver has come to test herself in the Italian work, hoping she may continue in this splendid field. The ladies of the Local Board of Managers last fall through their Annual Fair rendered valuable financial aid to the cause. A beautiful new piano has been placed in the Home through the kindness of Miss Panra C. Pearsall. The Superintendent, Miss Beale, has lost her beloved father, who, for over seventy years, preached the Gospel; but the daughter firmly believes he is singing the wonderful Redemption Song, and her great loss is his gain. May God bless Jersey City because of the consecrated deaconess!

Maine Conference Deaconess Home.

130 Federal Street, Portland, Me.

MRS. HELEN IDA BENSON, Superintendent.

Since our last report great advance has been added and the whole work has been strengthened. The old Home, which was in a rented house, became inadequate to meet the growing demands of the work, so with great energy and faith, but little means, the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society purchased a fine property, splendidly located and with room sufficient to enlarge the work and better house the workers. Immediately a day nursery was opened (the only one in the city) to assist the working mothers, then unsought the boys' work opened up to us. And throughout the year seventy-five or more boys, mostly newsboys of several nationalities, have been gathered in clubs at their own request and successful and lasting work has been accomplished. Mothers' Club work, which has taken in about six nationalities and includes about forty mothers of different grades of society, has been maintained throughout the year. Also in November our Italian Mission became strong and well established enough to call our Italian pastor, but we have continued to help by holding a night school through the winter and visiting and giving relief work—and they still look upon us as the Mother of the Mission. One of our converts is in our Conference School preparing for the ministry and another is ready to go.

Travelers' Aid work was added to meet a felt want, since there was none to look after the women and girls coming in the steerage on the trans-Atlantic steamers. A room at the Home is set apart for those needing a shelter, and a helping hand is stretched out to all who need it when they first land in this country. The girls' work has increased and it is with satisfaction that we look upon those who have been with us four years and are now able to sew and cook and keep house because of the instruction and guidance they have had at the Deaconess Home. A vacation Sunday-school is carried on for two months for the children of the closed churches and missions. A Shelter has been maintained for children and young women who have needed a temporary home or protection—these cases have come mostly through the police matron and probation officers.

An Employment Bureau has secured employment for a great number and our fresh-air work has brought comfort and we believe blessings to many.

The Conference Deaconess has been out all the year and then has not been able to meet all the calls. We need more workers for this missionary—we may almost say frontier—field, in order to raise up workers.

Newark Deaconess Home.

508 Market Street, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. MAYME T. RICE, Superintendent.

During the year our Home has had seven deaconesses; two have been employed in parish work, one as Travelers' Aid in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, one as a nurse deaconess, and the remainder with the Superintendent in regular mission work.

Some changes have taken place. Miss Mary E. Peck, who was employed in one of the larger Churches, was needed by the higher authorities in one of the National Training Schools and is now in Washington, D. C. We were therefore deprived of her valuable and cheering personality, but in her place we have been blessed with Nancey E. Dorey, who has beautifully fitted into the work. As the year drew to a close, Miss Longhurst, our Nurse Deaconess, resigned, as did also our Superintendent, Miss DeLancey. It then became apparent that a deaconess would no longer be needed in the Italian work in a Church adjoining the Deaconess Home, and Miss Sadie J. Sheffer accepted work in the Italian Mission in Altoona, Pa.

The annual report of the Home shows faithful work done by all of these deaconesses in their various fields. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Mayme T. Rice, a graduate of our San Francisco Training School, as Superintendent for the coming year.

Open Door Mission and Elizabeth W. Griffin Deaconess Home.

3 Columbia Place, Eagle Street, Albany, N. Y.

We come to the close of our first year in our new Home, with hearts full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all we have been able to accomplish in His name and strength. Many difficulties met in our old Home have entirely disappeared; so we feel that our work has broadened and the interest in it has been steadily growing throughout our Conference. Our deaconesses have been untiring in their loving ministry to the poor and destitute wherever they are found.

During the year we have had five parish deaconesses, two Travelers' Aid, one in Albany and one in the Troy Station. Their work has given to us a more clear idea of the needs of this work than we have ever had before. Women who have missed trains and have been compelled to remain in the city over night have gladly accepted the shelter of our Home, rather than go to a hotel, leaving us with many assurances of their gratitude, saying, "Money can not pay for what we have received." A number of children have been traveling alone, friends have failed to meet them; they, too, have been cared for through the night and in every case have reached their destination safely.

Our nurse deaconess has given herself unselfishly, meeting all demands for the sick and suffering in homes and hospitals. One of our parish workers was sent last winter by our Presiding Elder to assist in some of the outlying portions of our district. So successful was her work in winning many souls for Christ, that the demand for more workers in those needy fields has been greater than we could supply.

Our Home was a gift to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with the condition that we maintain the Open Door Mission, which consists of a dormitory where a poor woman may have a bed, chair, and comfort and be kindly cared for through the night. Many of these

women, whose lives have been wrecked by sin and dissipation, have been sheltered, four hundred and twenty-two having been cared for during the year. They are invited to stay for our morning devotions, and we trust that some have gone out better and stronger to meet temptation in whatever form it may assail them.

Two of our deaconesses have been at North Creek during the summer working among the miners. We hope this work may be made permanent. Our Industrial work was very successful during the winter. This, too, will be enlarged, as a new worker will come to us whose special field this will be.

We are looking hopefully toward the future, praying that our Father's guiding hand may still be with us, believing it is not so much the greatness of our service, but the motive that counts.

Philadelphia Deaconess Home.

611 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss BERTHA FOWLER, Superintendent.

We review the work of the past year with a feeling of gratitude for the privileges given and blessings bestowed by a kind Providence.

Marked progress has characterized the work. A graduate of Rust Hall and a probationer joined us early in the year, making our family number nine licensed and one unlicensed deaconesses, one probationer, and four missionaries. Though sickness invaded the Home our family circle remained unbroken until March, when Miss Martin was called to the St. Paul Home as its Superintendent.

Peculiar experiences, testing faith and endurance, have been our common lot. Unusual demands have been met by our nurse deaconess who has faithfully served through trying experiences.

Seven Churches have been served by our parish deaconesses. Children have been secured for and taught in Sunday-schools, the sick visited, the poor cared for, and untold ministries rendered. Cheering results have been the crowning glory of faithfulness, patience, and perseverance.

The Immigrant Station has been an important field of operation. Here the babies, older children, and mothers have been attended and cared for by an interested deaconess. Bibles, tracts, books, and toys have given joy and pleasure. Errands for those of limited privileges have been done, visits to the detained in home and hospital, and kindnesses rendered the deported have been a part of the ceaseless round of the "labor of love."

The industrial department has made unusual progress. The exhibit held for one week at the close of the season attracted the attention of many friends in the city; those of other denominations and vocations entered into a study of the kind and quality of work and the methods used.

In the various lines of work of this department have been outlined regular courses, which when completed will entitle the members of the class to a certificate issued specially by the Home. With this new feature as an encouragement has come an enthusiastic neighborhood interest in the work. A class of eight girls—in kitchengarden—was the first to receive their certificates.

A splendid gift of apparatus, consisting of a pair of parallel bars, four chest exercisers, and three mats; this gift was made to our gymnasium by a philanthropic friend interested in boys. Another generous friend decorated the room and with the gas lights and windows screened there is every appearance of a gymnasium. Basket-ball, the game that charms, has also been added to our equipment. The kindergarten-room has also

been added to our equipment. The kindergarten-room has been decorated and is a room of beauty and refinement.

A Junior Epworth League organized in the fall gives rare promise. The latest approved methods of the Central Office are employed with encouraging results. A pleasing feature of the League work is a class of Jewish girls who are eagerly pursuing the study of the "Old Testament Heroes." The primary class, composed of those who can not read, are illustrating their Bible study with posters, and the older class, while studying the "Life of Christ," is illustrating its journey through the Holy Land with small Perry pictures and clippings from magazines. The memory work would be commendable for those of older years. The missionary and mercy and help committees are alive to their interests and are producing works of art as well as gathering a fund of information and being a blessing to others.

The Deaconess Home Sunday-school maintains a good attendance and interest. We have lost some pupils by removals from the neighborhood, while three members of the cradle roll, buds of promise, have been transplanted in heaven.

Christmas and Easter and other holidays have been appropriately observed to the joy of the participants. Fresh-air trips and outing parties have brought pleasure and profit to scores of the least of God's little ones by whom the works of nature are seldom seen and little appreciated.

This is but a little of the common round, new every day, of the workers in the Philadelphia Home, who count it mere joy that they may serve.

Stone Home for Deaconess and Kindergarten Work.

Center St., Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss EMMA LOOMIS, Superintendent.
Miss ELSIE TENNEY, Kindergartner.

This Home, the answer to the prayer of one consecrated woman, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" was dedicated November 18, 1906.

The Lord has been gracious to us in sending us workers especially adapted to this field. They have devoted much time to the kindergarten, kitchen garden, and industrial clubs with excellent results. The daily calls for ministration to the sick, the sinning, the suffering have met with ready, loving response. The Sunday-school and the prayer meeting have been held weekly and increased in attendance and interest.

This work, so new in its practical demonstration, and even to the thought of many of our citizens, commends itself to them by reason of what it has accomplished.

"In the name of our God we have set up our banners." To Him we give praise for the past, in Him we trust for the future.

Washington Deaconess Home.

917 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. C. TASKER, Superintendent.

We have a happy family in our Deaconess Home, who are under the watchful care of Mrs. M. S. Tasker, a resident Manager, as the "House Mother." This beloved woman has for fifteen years been identified with the work in our city, as Treasurer of the National Training School Committee and of our Deaconess Board and counts it a joy to give her

services gratuitously for the upbuilding of the work she holds most dear. Four of our deaconesses are doing good work in connection with our largest Churches. Another, by her excellent service, has opened up a large field for institutional work in connection with one of the small Churches, where much help is needed. A Nurse Deaconess is kept busy in ministering to the poor without pay. Any money given her is passed on to help other needy ones, as our Managers will *not* receive money thus given for the *support* of the Home. The Rosedale Settlement, where live our two consecrated workers, continues to prosper. The Methodist Union of the city have been so gratified with the work that they have purchased and will turn over to the Deaconess Board two fine building lots. Then the women must take up the burden of erecting a suitable building. This will largely be a work of faith, for we see no money for the purpose, but God has wonderfully honored our service in this blessed work, so we trust Him to lead us.

The promise is sure. "The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy work and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto."

Wilmington Conference Deaconess Home.

841 Tatnall Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Miss MARY E. GOULD, Superintendent.

The cherished desire of the women of our city to have a Deaconess Home in Wilmington is at last realized. June 1st found the house at 841 Tatnall Street newly papered, painted, and neatly furnished, with two deaconesses in possession—Miss Gould in charge, with Miss Kirk as visitor for the summer. The Home was formally opened with a reception on June 27th, 1907. We have not yet established regular lines of work. Miss Gould and Miss Kirk have been earnest and indefatigable in their calling, reporting from June 17th to July 6th one hundred and two calls made. Several outings for poor children are planned in the near future. Work among Hungarians and Italians will be taken up, and we are looking forward to spiritual growth among these people.

Generous friends in our city and Conference have supplied all our needs abundantly. Our work is appreciated far more to-day, and we have more friends than ever before. Our field is extensive. On every hand we find not only foreigners, but native-born sisters who need all the help we can give them, and we hope we are "Learning not to do great things, but to do little things greatly."

CENTRAL DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. J. F. MUND, Secretary,

4800 Broadway, S. E., Cleveland, O.

The Central Deaconess Bureau has only a quiet progress to report for the year just closing, viz., that of earnest work faithfully given in every Deaconess Home.

Providence has kindly preserved the lives of the deaconesses and less of sorrow has been ours than during the previous year. The Buffalo Home has, however, rested under the shadow. Miss Kittie Dunn closed her beautiful life within its portals, going into the "Beautiful Beyond," when all nature was smiling in the early summer. Again later in the sea-

son this Home again entered into the shadow. Mrs. Hannah D. Ripey Ring passed unexpectedly out of life, leaving blessed memories of a useful, well-spent life. Mrs. Ring was a charter trustee of the Buffalo Home and a member of the Central Deaconess Bureau. The loss of her counsels and generous giving mean much to the Home. In her bequest the Home was generously remembered.

The institutional building for which this Home has plans has been somewhat delayed. A large sum toward paying for the building is in the treasury and before another year the Board hopes to have the building completed. The deaconesses in stations are happy in their work, and winning friends for the deaconess movement.

For seventeen years it has been my happy privilege to be associated with the deaconess work. I have gladly watched its advancement and wonderful growth, have learned to love many of its deaconesses and members of the Local Boards.

A time comes to all when the hand must yield its work to another; to me that time is here, and with regret I give back into your keeping the Central Deaconess Bureau, rejoicing that my privilege of service has been so long.

To my co-workers, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson and Miss H. A. Bancroft, I wish to express my appreciation of their ever ready helpfulness and encouragement. I also wish to thank the members of Local Boards and the deaconesses for their prompt and courteous response in helping to advance the work. And I bespeak for my successor the same kindly courtesy extended to me. MRS. D. A. MINARD.*

Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School.

401 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. W. J. ALDRICH, Superintendent.

Our blessed year of toil—glad, sad, or sweet,
Dear Lord, for us make each year's service mete:
That palms of victory we may ever cast
At Thy dear feet, when we are crowned at last.

And the crowning day for some of us may not be very far distant. Out of the darkness of my solitary path came the still small voice, "My child, this is the way—walk ye in it." And the lonely heart responded, Here am I, send me." So out of the unknown and unseen in these seventeen years has our Father led, evolving through them our beautiful Home, free from encumbrance and a great joy to all. In due time came our Training School which has been in successful operation for nine years, while out from its instruction have gone more than fifty young women to bless humanity and make some of the world's dark places brighter, and lonely, overburdened hearts lighter.

The personnel of our workers remains the same as last year. Miss Kahlo has continued as the Superintendent's assistant and has done excellent work, and has also been able to do some visiting and nursing as well. Miss Clark has taught the kindergarten classes rhetoric and orthography, grammar and spelling, and has had charge of the settlement work. Our evangelistic deaconess, Miss Park, through the kindness of a friend, had a very fine opening to attend Albion College, so her loved work was laid aside for a time of study.

* The last report of the retiring Bureau Secretary.

Our settlement work came to us near the close of last year and is an open door for great good. In this work from one hundred to two hundred children come under personal religious and practical teaching. Located in the worst ward of the city, it has long been a coveted field. We carry on here classes for all industries to help these children to be self-supporting—kitchengarden, nurse maids' class, boys' club, girls' club, industrial schools, mothers' meetings, and Sunday-school, and we believe with proper support these efforts will result in great good to our city, but the gain to the children themselves can be told only in eternal annals. This must ever be true in all our efforts, but we feel we have great reason to "thank God and take courage."

Central Ohio Conference Deaconess Home.

2364 Robinwood Ave., Toledo, O.

ISABEL C. LEITCH, Superintendent.

The hospital has taken a large part of our attention the past year. In our limited quarters we have cared for over two hundred patients, performed about one hundred and seventy-five operations; twenty-two were charity cases. Some fifty-four different physicians have been in attendance at the hospital during the year.

A very important part of the deaconess work in Toledo is that of our efficient Travelers' Aid. Miss Metcalf, by her untiring efforts, has been able to rescue numberless young girls from traps laid for their unwary feet. Miss Simonds, who has given several months of consecrated service to our Church at Marysville, now takes up the work of Travelers' Aid at the Interurban station. This line of Christian work is proving in great favor with the thinking people as they become more acquainted with the great need as it exists in a city like this. Home duties called Miss Wilcox away in the spring and she has not been able to return yet. We miss her valuable service and co-operation.

The Lord has been with us during the past year. We believe He will continue to give us His presence while we continue to serve and love Him faithfully, as is our great joy to do.

Below find some items of service rendered by Miss Alice E. Metcalf, our Travelers' Aid:

Young girls directed to the Young Woman's Christian Association Home for luncheon, lodging, and safety	53
Young girls practically aided in other ways	138
Sick travelers cared for at the depot	36
Mothers practically assisted	45
Children practically assisted	88
Scriptural text-cards, leaflets, Bibles, and New Testaments given with the words "In His Name"	429
Hours spent in Travelers' Aid work	1,029
Number of travelers aided	1,141
Amount of Emergency Fund received	$7.55
Number of meetings attended	51
Expended for food and medicine	$7.03
Number of meetings assisted	11
Bouquets given out	8
Number of foreign girls for whom relatives were located	6

Chattanooga, Tenn., Deaconess Station.

Miss ROSA E. SANTEE, Deaconess.

Another year with its varied duties is closing, the third spent in this city of splendid opportunities for systematic deaconess work. Two sister Churches have called women as assistant pastors and it is a joy to be associated with these fellow-workers. We are hoping to enlarge our usefulness by living together, and taking some young women into our Home who may later become deaconesses.

Our church has passed through deep waters of affliction this year, and the vacant places of those whom we have grown to love can never be filled.

Time and strength spent in visiting people of all sorts and conditions, constant attendance upon every Church service and engaging in some kind of activity in each, superintending the Junior League, conducting services in various institutions, and receiving countless calls demanding much investigation before assistance is rendered—these represent the year's activities so far as outlining them is concerned. The guidance of the Holy Spirit has been daily sought and His leading has been clear and definite.

Cleveland Deaconess Home.

1904 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

E. LOUISE WILMOTT, Superintendent.
Miss LAURA MORRIS, Acting Superintendent.

A new year is before us. To face it hopefully and welcome it cheerfully we have but to read the record of the year that is past and note its stirring facts of progress.

In the marvelous prosperity which has blessed our country during the past year, we have had a small share, but sufficient to enable us to meet all our obligations without borrowing one cent. The significance of the last statement will be greater if we add that this is the only year in our history in which we have paid our current expenses without negotiating a loan during the summer for that purpose. This encouraging condition is largely due to the fact that our city Churches, with few exceptions, have paid their apportionments in full and have made their collections for this purpose at more regular intervals.

The industrial work in connection with the various missions of the West Side Cottage and the Home is being more and more emphasized. There is no better way of reaching the children, and through them the home, than through these industrial classes and clubs. The instruction is not confined to the specific object of the class, though of course this is given the greatest prominence; but habits of tidiness, cleanliness, and punctuality are insisted on as well, and the Bible lesson with plenty of music is a prominent feature.

Eight sewing schools, two mothers' clubs, a boys' carpenter club, and Knights of King Arthur have been systematically sustained. Night school two evenings a week has also been conducted at the Italian Mission.

The kitchengarden is proving its value in home training, and it was a great source of satisfaction at Epworth Camp last summer to notice how skillful and quick in performing the household tasks were the children who had had kitchengarden training. Five of these classes have been carried on during the year and another is to be opened very soon. We

regret that it was necessary to abandon the one at the Cottage because of lack of room.

The blessing of the Almighty has been upon us, both in things temporal and spiritual, and to Him we ascribe all honor for what has been accomplished.

Detroit Deaconess Home.

53 West Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Mich.

MRS. MARGARET D. MOORS, Superintendent.

Dr. Oscar Haywood said, "If you have not known poverty, heart hunger, and misunderstanding, God has overlooked you and you are to be pitied." Robert Hunter says, "If the many different charities are varied and generous enough so that no one need suffer, that would not heal the sorrows of the poor, but public and private philanthropy has not as yet met all their needs and by no means has their sign died away." Hence the deaconess must continue her efforts as a remedial, helpful factor. The city has a great multitude of maimed, sick, halt, withered, and blind, and the relation between poverty and sickness is very close. Little children, the youth, and the aged are many, many of them victims of poverty, exposure, overwork, hereditary taint, tobacco, immorality, and rum.

"You are the only good ones that ever spoke a kind word to me," said an old man, as the nurse deaconess changed his soiled garments for clean ones, and smoothed his tumbled bed. "You are too good to be scolded, and I won't scold you." A poor laboring man called to give to the Superintendent of the Deaconess Home his little Thank-offering for the service of the nurse, saying, as he handed her the gift, "Why, that nurse was a real lady and was so kind and knew just what to do for my poor wife and the new baby. We were in an awful strait, and if ever again I am in trouble, I shall go at once to the Deaconess Home for help."

We are gaining ground. A few days since, the Superintendent of the Home spent an hour in the office of the Immigrant Agent; he said, "I am so glad we are to have your co-operation in regard to rescue and reformatory work under the new law for the traffic of women and girls for immoral purposes, and call on us when you need help."

Arthur Pierson stated an important truth: "There is no impersonal way of saving any one; there is some human agent; it may be a parent, a Sabbath-school teacher, a minister, or a deaconess. There is always one link between the soul and the Gospel, and thus men, women, and children are saved."

"It was not so much what you said as it was that your life led me to decide that I would give myself to God for deaconess work," said a young woman who has recently gone to Washington for deaconess training.

The work has gone forward as usual in our Deaconess Home. The going in and out of our women and the value of their service may be seen from the above facts from those whose lives we have touched. God has been with us. Our family of sixteen workers has felt as a body and each one individually the Divine Presence and His blessing in the work they are doing for Him.

Tillman Avenue Mission.

267 Tillman Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Miss MAUDE KING, Superintendent.

Tillman Avenue Mission has had a year of unusual success. More work than heretofore has been accomplished. The industrial classes have been very prosperous and through the work a great many children have been reached and brought into the Sunday-school and under religious influence that could have been reached in no other way.

The kindergarten under the care of Miss Anna Lovett is a favorite place for the little Bohemians among whom this work is being carried on and it is surprising to see how their little minds grasp the spiritual significance of much of the kindergarten teaching. Situated as is this mission in the center of a settlement of foreigners, under the shadow of a great Polish Catholic Cathedral, its friends are surprised to see how strong a hold the work has upon the hearts of so many in that neighborhood.

We are praying God for His continued blessing for another year. Miss Maude King, the Superintendent, has given herself so strenuously to her work that a long summer's rest is necessary before the work of the autumn can be undertaken.

Our recent graduate, Miss Winget, is already commending herself by her work at the Mission.

Genesee Conference Deaconess Home.

292 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. EMMA A. TURNEY, Superintendent.

July, 1907, closed the seventeenth year of Deaconess Work in Genesee Conference. One year ago the deaconesses were removed to the beautiful Home prepared for them by loving friends. The wisdom of the change in location has been fully demonstrated, and interest has advanced along all lines.

The work among the Italians has been more difficult, owing to the hostility of the Roman Catholic priests. This makes the necessity of our new Institutional Building more apparent, and another year we hope to be housed under our own roof-tree with "none to molest or make us afraid."

Our Travelers' Aid work continues to be, if possible, more popular; two deaconesses are responsible for this service. The activities at Perry, N. Y., among the mill hands, conducted by Miss Martha J. Collins, has been one of our most important and helpful fields, so commending itself to the owners of the mills that they have purchased a permanent home for the work. Evening classes in sewing, music, physical culture, and helpful forms of home-making are opened to the girls. The library and resting-rooms are greatly appreciated by large numbers of the young women working in the mills. We regret that space will not permit of personal mention of the excellent service rendered by every deaconess in the Home. The Master seeth and rewardeth all His faithful servants.

Miss Kittie A. Dunn came among her sister deaconesses to give up the life struggle with suffering, and the sweet spirit passed out in the early summer morning to be forever with the Lord, leaving a blessed benediction on the Home.

Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio.

641 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

Miss ANNIE R. BASSETT, Deaconess.

Figures can not represent the work of a deaconess visiting the sick and dying, the skeptical, the needy, the blind, teaching in the Industrial School, conducting missionary meetings, addressing conventions and Epworth Leagues, attending all-day meetings for the benefit of the flood sufferers, in responding to all kinds of calls from the needy.

These duties have made an unusually full year of labor for the deaconess. We look forward to another year with hope, grateful to God that He has made it possible for us to render this service for Him.

Holloway Deaconess Home.

Bridgeport, Ohio.

Miss JOANNA B. HILLMAN, Superintendent.

In looking back upon the year just closed we are more than ever convinced of God's goodness and of His dealings with the family of Holloway Home in providing for our needs, in keeping us in health, and in giving us a place and part in the great work of soul-saving in this Ohio Valley. Our hearts overflow with joy unspeakable, because our deaconesses have given their loving service "in His name."

During the season of the great flood, which swept over this community, our Home was opened to the destitute and homeless ones, our workers were more than busy alleviating the suffering and ministering to the needs of those in distress. The true record of the work done at that time can be found only in the Master's record book.

Our family has numbered seven, with one in the Training School. Eleven Churches have been served, one thousand six hundred garments have been given out, eight thousand calls have been made, besides much other work done in Sabbath-schools, Junior and Epworth Leagues, boys' clubs, etc. Our field is broad; the great foreign population surrounding us makes the deaconess work a felt need.

Our friends have been many, and the generous donations of supplies from different organizations throughout the Conference show the readiness of the people to work for the Master and also show their appreciation of the deaconess work. For all of this we are truly thankful!

Deaconess Home, Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss RHODA E. SIGLER, Deaconess.

Early in the year Sister Rhoda E. Sigler broke in health and has thus far been unable to return to this Home. As there was no free worker to send, the Deaconess Home has been temporarily closed. Where are the women who are ready to assume this blessed service and meet the strong demands of the Church?

Marion, Ohio.

Miss LAURA M. BATEMAN, Deaconess.

Another successful year has passed. Sabbath-school, Epworth and Junior Leagues have received much attention, the poor have been visited and cared for. The deaconess has been most helpful in her calls upon

strangers, thus often securing Church Letters and bringing these new comers into social Church relations with those longer settled here. The homes of the sick, the sorrowing, the suffering, and the sinning have all had held out to them help for their needs.

A desire to be nearer her family in the East has decided the deaconess to resign, and she has been appointed to Erie, Penn.

Newcastle Pa.

Mrs. MAYME T. RICE, Deaconess.

Reported by Rev. J. C. McDONALD, D. D.

Mrs. Rice has been with us now for two years and her work has been most satisfactory. Indeed, we felt that much of the time she worked beyond her strength. She had sewing school among the girls, which was of great interest and helpfulness. Two missionary organizations among the children proved very helpful; these were Mothers' Jewels and Home Guards.

A night school was organized among the Italians, of which Mrs. Rice had charge, and this has proven to be the most helpful work in our Italian Mission of this city, as it has opened a door for work which is the promise of great things.

Mrs. Rice has proved herself to be a woman of one work, and splendidly qualified for it. Our people are sorry to lose her, but rejoice in her advancement in the Master's work. She made one thousand five hundred and eight calls during the last year. Had prayer in two hundred and thirteen homes, attended three hundred and eighteen religious services, gave out one hundred and one garments to the poor, and eighty-four bouquets to the sick, and distributed one thousand five hundred and ninety papers. We will ever pray for her success in her work.

Ohio Conference Deaconess Home.

562 Franklin Avenue, Columbus, O.

Mrs. ELIZA J. ROGERS, Superintendent.

The past year has been one of much profit. Many homes have been visited, children gathered into Sabbath-schools, young people into Epworth Leagues. Several of our deaconesses are Superintendents of Junior Leagues, and have been very successful in the work with the children. A very interesting Sewing School has been conducted with good attendance. The poor have been provided with food, fuel, and clothing, and helped in many ways. Sowing beside all waters has brought the blessing of the Heavenly Father upon the work done in His name. The days have been brightened with comforting reminders that "God is with us," to bless and prosper the work of His willing servants.

With deep regret we part with one of our workers, who has so long and faithfully served Broad Street Church. Miss Millie M. Albertson has felt the call to the foreign field and has left for work in Korea. May our Heavenly Father tenderly care for her in her newly chosen field!

Pittsburg Deaconess Home.

2000 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss MARGARET S. BOSWELL, Superintendent.

The Lord has been good to us the past year in protecting our faithful deaconesses from sickness and death.

Excellent work has been accomplished with the fourteen workers

connected with the Home. This success does much to establish the greatness and stability of the deaconess movement in Pittsburg.

The kindergarten classes have been well conducted. The mothers' meetings have emphasized the obligations resting upon mothers of families and their responsibility as to the proper training of their children. The time spent in evangelistic meetings, in distributing leaflets and religious matter, in carrying food and flowers to the sick and needy and less favored ones, has proved to many an inexpressible blessing.

The work at the railroad stations with a helping hand and kindly smile has assured the benevolent Churches and Auxiliaries that the work is well done.

Our number in the Home has varied. Some have been away attending the Training School, while others have come to us, but most of the time our average has been ten members. Our faithful superintendent has wisely conducted the affairs in the Home and we stand to-day in a fair financial condition.

Altoona, Pa.

Miss Sadie Sheffer, Deaconess.

Miss Adda May Trout, Deaconess.

Miss Sheffer has opened a new deaconess work in this city among the Italians. Her successful experience with these people in Newark, N. J., well fits her for this Mission.

Miss Trout is to serve as pastor's assistant in one of the large Churches. Another year, no doubt, we shall have excellent reports from these graduates from the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School.

Berwick, Pa.

Miss Anna Raszka, Missionary.

The Anthracite Mission has opened a Mission in this important manufacturing town. Miss Raszka, a native of Poland, educated in her own land, came to America to work as a missionary among her own people. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has given valuable assistance, as has also the American Car and Foundry Company. The company has given a house for the use of the Mission, and our Society has furnished this for Miss Raszka, who occupies it. Here she lives and labors. Here she conducts a Sunday-school, Kindergarten, and Evening School, with about sixty children in attendance. She visits the homes, caring for the sick, and distributes religious literature and Bibles. She has won the hearts of many of her people, for whom she acts as interpreter.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

One of the greatest industrial centers of our Nation is that of the anthracite coal field, located in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania, including a territory 1,700 square miles in extent, and actual coal deposits occupying 480 square miles. Within this region are the cities of Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Hazelton, Pottsville, Shamokin, and many other towns of importance.

In the early history of this industry the mining in its various branches was done almost exclusively by Americans, Canadians, English, Welsh, Irish, Scotch, and German immigrants. These races have gradusually left the mines, and their places have been taken by Slavs and

Italians, who have brought with them their various shades of Catholic faith. But a great number of these are discovering that many of the practices of their Church are false and are drifting into infidelity.

Realizing that Christian education is the only means by which these people can be made instead of a curse an element of strength for the Nation, the Protestant Churches are uniting in a systematic work for these peoples.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference in 1904 was the first to establish a regularly organized Anthracite Mission. Hazelton, Pa., was chosen as its headquarters, and Rev. V. J. Louzecky, a Bohemian, was appointed by his Conference missionary in charge.

Before this, as early as 1896, through the efforts of Mrs. A. M. Clees and Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, two deaconesses, Miss Cartez Swartz and Miss Leona Bartold, were sent to Shamokin and Mount Carmel. They both gave faithful service and were able to lighten many of the serious burdens falling upon these newcomers.

Upon the marriage of Miss Bartold, and the transfer of Miss Swartz in 1898 to Indianapolis, Miss Elizabeth Larish undertook the work which she has nobly carried forward. From the beginning this has been a most important field and its needs can not be overestimated.

Hazelton, Pa.

Miss Emma Trescott, Deaconess.

At Hazelton the faithful work among the foreigners is in charge of Miss Trescott, graduate of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School. Good results are everywhere seen. She has been wise in selecting and training assistants from among the better class of the foreign young women who have been converted and interested through the work of the Mission, so that she has some very competent helpers. Five hundred children have been reached weekly during the past summer. Sewing Schools, English Classes for adults, Junior Leagues, and Class and Prayer-meetings are some of the means employed.

This work in general is under the direction of Rev. V. J. Louzecky, appointed by the General Missionary Society, but Miss Trescott's part is largely maintained by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. She has put forth a valuable tract, entitled, "Anthracite Mission for Foreign Immigrants," which can be obtained of the Literature Department, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Miss ELIZABETH LARRISH, Deaconess.

At Mount Carmel the hearts of the workers and the deaconesses have been gladdened by an arrangement for a permanent Home for the Mission work. Heretofore rented rooms have been used, entailing frequent removals. Recently a liberal-minded gentleman has bought a lot in Camptown and is putting up upon it a $1,000 building, the use of which he promises to donate indefinitely to the work of the Mission. This is not in fee simple the property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, but is very desirable as it is in the heart of the district where it is needed.

Miss Larrish continues at her post her faithful, loving service. The Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has promised financial help to each of these Stations for the current year and our people are deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of these "aliens."

Scranton, Pa.

Hannah Holderness, Deaconess.

917 Mulberry St.

A most successful year of deaconess work has passed. While we have but one worker, many lines of service have been planned and followed.

A well organzied Junior League, not only carried out its own line of work, but organized within itself two Missionary Societies. One, "The Mothers' Jewels" of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, assumed and raised the money for a scholarship in Porto Rico, while "The King's Heralds" of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society did the same for a pupil in India.

The Help Department of the Junior League did much for one of the city hospitals. When a member of the League was called to the Better Land, the children raised money and placed a bed in this hospital in memory of the dear one.

Miss Holderness has found her training in Sibley Hospital of great value. A deaconess is supposed to be ready for any emergency. Not only has she met the ordinary needs of the sick in way of general nursing, but has had besides serious responsibilities in serving as nurse in cases of complex operations. Her work among the poor has brought warmth and comfort to many. Were it not for this deaconess many children who are regularly at Sabbath-school could not attend.

Not only is she anxious to do good, but also to communicate. Her addresses in the different Churches have drawn to the work young women who would gladly serve as does she. May our Heavenly Father preserve her and others like her for many years as workers in His vineyard!

WESTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. JOHN W. BUSH, Secretary.

2762 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.

A long time ago the poet wrote, "All things must change, nothing that *is* can pause or stay." Through all the years humanity has been turning this poetical fancy into practical facts. In the very center of the most rapidly growing section of our great country the Western Deaconess Bureau *is*, and in noting the difference between the first and third annual report, we can truly say we have neither paused nor stayed.

From the natural development and growth of our cities, the property value of nearly all of our institutions has materially advanced, and, with the ceaseless activity of our civic life, we are forced to keep step until in many places our prosperity has become our greatest perplexity. Last year we were happy to announce during the Annual Meeting at Lincoln the birth of two institutions, which after one year's healthy growth are worthy a place in the Home Missionary family.

The St. Paul Deaconess Home is not only providing a comfortable resting place for our workers, but is creating a united interest in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society as well. The other baby, Burge Deaconess Hospital at Springfield, Mo., has had a remarkable record; since the opening day, January 21st, they have not only cleared all expenses, but have also cared for ten charity cases, and just last month through the blessed munificence of Mrs. Ellen Burge have purchased

the adjoining lot, upon which they hope to build this year a three-story, modern, brick hospital, making the value of the property, $50,000.

The Kansas City National Training School opens the present year with more pupils than can be housed with comfort, while the Iowa Training School at Des Moines has more than doubled in attendance this year. The Denver Deaconess family has moved into a larger, more comfortable Home, and the deaconesses are doing excellent work in that thriving city.

Seven capable and efficient workers go out from the Home in Wichita, Kansas, to do district and visiting deaconess work. Seven new stations have been located this year. In the mining districts of Southern Kansas a 1907 graduate from Fisk is singing the story of salvation into the hearts of men who see only the rough side of life. In Boise, Idaho, another Fisk graduate is doing excellent service and writes, "I feel greatly encouraged over my work, but O! how this city needs deaconesses."

All through the snowy winter months in Northern Minnesota one brave deaconess toiled among the foreigners, until, broken in health, she came pleading for an assistant and saying, "I can not leave this work, the field is too needy."

The gloom of sadness settled over us for a time when Miss Mabel Parrish, a graduate of the Iowa Training School, was taken from us at a time when it seemed to human eyes her work had just begun. As a district deaconess, she did a wonderful work in her few months of service, but after a brief illness she was called to her Father's house, and we learned once more, "There is a divinity that shapes our ends." An unusual number of our workers have stepped from the deaconess ranks to take the duties and responsibilities of wife and mother; while we miss their work and reports, yet we wish for them all the joy and happiness that abounds in the noblest sphere of womankind and feel sure that their influence and labors will be for the best interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Our second annual Deaconess Conference, which followed the Commencement at Fisk Hall, was an event of unusual interest and encouragement. The presence of Miss Bancroft and a goodly number of delegates from different parts of the Bureau made the talks and discussions practical and helpful.

We turn the pages of the past year with pride and pleasure. We are proud of the plaudits of the world over the achievements of righteousness. We are grateful to God for the victories given in His name, and while we hear the heart-beats of a helpless humanity and look out on a whitened harvest-field where the laborers are few, we turn to the future cheered by the handclasp of consecrated leaders, encouraged by co-operation, and following the footsteps of a Divine Master—"Expect great things for God."

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School.

1155 West Ninth Street, Des Moines, Ia.

Miss LULU MCMILLIN, Superintendent.
Mrs. MABEL HILBISH, Principal of School.

The past year has been the very best in the history of our Home and Training School. Truly the Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth in His name. The regular lines of work have been carried on with most gratifying results. Five devoted deaconesses have been indefatigable in their service as pastor's assistants and in ministering to the sick and needy. Eleven thousand two hundred and seven calls have been made, food and clothing distributed to the poor.

Our nurse deaconess has found the demands greatly increasing, the time spent among the sick has been a precious opportunity.

We have long felt the need of a Travelers' Aid deaconess and are now rejoicing in the fact that that important work has opened.

Our hearts have been saddened by the death of our beloved deaconess, Miss Mabel Parrish, who passed away June 17th, after an operation. She was a graduate of our Training School, was doing very efficient evangelistic work in the Conference. Her whole life was given to the Master, her presence in the Home was ever an inspiration, and we mourn her loss, but know the Father doeth all things for the best.

The work in our Training School has been the most excellent and satisfactory. Mrs. Hilbish with her strong personality and thorough consecration has made a marked impress upon the lives of the girls.

We have had enrolled in the past year twenty-one students. Five graduated, three as deaconesses and two as missionaries.

The preparatory course, which was added and used last year for the first time, has been greatly appreciated, as it has met the long felt want of those who are not well equipped for taking up the regular work.

Our students have shared in the labors of the deaconesses in calling, superintending, and teaching in mission Sunday-schools, sewing schools, and in carrying comfort and cheer into many dark homes.

The outlook for students this coming year is very promising, and with our hearts filled with gratitude we take up the work for the coming year, asking the Master to lead the way.

Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Miss CLARA B. KEYHOE, Superintendent.

We are still in our little hospital on the hill, but God has been, and is, with us to bless our service for Him. We have cared for two hundred and sixty-six patients, a gain of ninety-three over last year.

This is truly a cosmopolitan hospital, as we have patients from almost every State in the Union, who came here to regain health, and also from other countries, as Colorado Springs has become world-famed as a health resort. A large number of these who have come to be cared for were not Christians when they entered, but have become acquainted with their Savior before leaving for their homes, both in and out of the city. A few were taken from here to the Heavenly Home who had here learned to trust in Christ as a personal Savior.

We said in our last report we expected to be in a new building more suited to our needs and work before another year; we are still living in hopes, for these seem nearer being realized now, as we have $36,000 toward the new building.

Margaret Evans Deaconess Home.

1630 Ogden St., Denver, Col.

Miss MAE ADAMS, Superintendent.

For the past five months the Denver deaconesses have been occupying the beautiful new residence on Capitol Hill, known as the Margaret Evans Deaconess Home. "Beautiful for situation," with a large porch and commodious rooms, it is indeed a Haven of Rest for those whose strength is spent in ministering to others.

Surely the Father has been good to us and I trust the most faithful service will prove our appreciation and gratitude for all His gifts.

Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage.

Urbana, Illinois.

WM. A. DAVIS, Superintendent.

The work for the past year has been exceedingly prosperous. During the summer forty-six little ones were taken care of, which number was just double that of the preceding year.

Miss Eva Hicks, who had been connected with the Orphanage as nurse for several years, was obliged to resign her position on account of failing health and no one has been found as yet to take her place.

Miss Ryder, of Converse, Indiana, will take Miss Courter's place in the work. Miss Courter goes to her home in Downs, Kansas.

Thirteen of our largest girls and boys were converted last winter and united with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Urbana this summer. One of these, a little girl of ten years, by the name of Catherine McQueen, whose parents are both greatly dissipated and who with two little sisters, Helen and Cecil, aged respectively six and eight years, were sent by the county court to the Orphanage, wrote the following letter to her father a short time ago:

"Dear papa—We have been looking for you to come and see us ever since we were sent here. You used to say you could not get along without us, and now you never come and you don't know how glad we would be to see you and mamma. Helen asks about you and mamma every day, and Cecil cries every night and says, 'When will papa and mamma come to see us?'

"I am a Christian now, papa, and I pray all the time for you both. I ask Jesus to have you quit drinking that bad whisky and then you and mamma will love us again as you used to and we will all live together and be happy once more. Won't you ask Him, too, my precious papa, and I know He will hear you?

"From your forgotten little girl—Catherine."

The outlook for the coming year is bright. We expect to build a new dormitory for the boys and also a new laundry.

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital.

1327 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo

MISS MAUDE E. LUCKEY, Superintendent.

It is time for the yearly reports to be sent in, yet we are only five and one-half months old. We have had a more vigorous growth than we had dared to hope for.

The doctors and people are most cordial to us. We have cared for forty-five patients. Have had seven operations and five births.

By the kindness of friends and what we have made the hospital has been able to pay all expenses and to purchase some greatly needed articles, such as a sterilizer, tables for our wards, and various much needed furnishings.

We will put in hot water or steam heat during the summer to take the place of hot air.

We anticipate reporting greater things another year.

Graham Protestant Hospital.

Keokuk, Iowa.

Miss MARY C. JACKSON, Superintendent.
Mrs. L. G. MURPHY, General Superintendent.
F. B. DORSEY, M. D., Chief of Medical Staff.

We come again to report a year of great prosperity. For the entire year the hospital has been full, and if we had had a larger building we could have cared for a great many times the number of patients that we have received. Hence the need of a larger building for which we are praying and the open-heartedness of some one who has money to bestow for the relief of his fellow-men.

The work of the nurse deaconesses has been most satisfactory, both to the physicians and the patrons. The patients appreciate the Christian and home-like atmosphere which surrounds the institution, and also the modern and aseptic conditions which make the percentage of death as low as the lowest of any hospital anywhere reported. The institution well deserves sympathy, prayers, and gifts of the lovers of humanity. From the beginning it has been self-supporting. Number of patients the past year, 334; number of surgical operations, 179; charity cases, 11; weeks given to charity, 15½; average treated per month, 27; graduates, 4; in training, 8.

The course of training here requires three years. Eight young women have already graduated from this hospital, besides the eight now in training. Miss Jackson, the Superintendent, and Miss Wertz, the chief nurse, have been indefatigable in their labors. We look forward to the coming year with hope and trust that Him who careth for the sparrows will guard this institution which is caring for His children.

Shesler Deaconess Home.

1222 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss SUSIE MORTON, Superintendent.

The past year in the Shesler Deaconess Home has been one of interest and success. Our five deaconesses have been faithful in season and out.

Miss Dora Rerick was compelled because of illness to relinquish the work for some months, but returned in October and is now doing good service. Miss Maude Greenought from the Washington Training School has proved an excellent worker as our Travelers' Aid. Also Miss Floy Button entered our Home last September as a student worker, and while pursuing her studies has rendered efficient service at the Helping Hand Mission. She expects to enter the Training School in the fall and return after her graduation as a worker in our Home. Miss Morton, our beloved Superintendent, was compelled to take a rest of about four months, but we hope and expect to have her back with us soon.

Our four visiting deaconesses have supplied not only physical wants, such as food and clothing, but have also given to many hearts cheer and comfort, love and sympathy. They have also gone into many homes of sickness and death, where at such times people are often won to Christ.

The Travelers' Aid work is a very important department of our work. This deaconess in the railroad stations has helped the aged, sick, and infirm, but her greatest work is in protecting young, helpless girls,

who come to the city from the country and smaller towns, and who know nothing about the ways and wickedness of the city. Hers is a preventive rather than rescue work.

Miss Humphrey is still busily engaged in evangelistic work in the Conference and has had the joy of winning many souls for the Kingdom. The mission Churches, Junior Leagues, and Sabbath-schools have made marked advance under the aid of our deaconesses, while the industrial work also has been a marked success.

We greatly appreciate the generous support of our friends and their interest in our work. The Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Churches have contributed largely, as have also the members of the Guild. Large quantities of clothing, bedding, linens, etc., have been sent to us by the different Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards, and other organizations, for which we are indeed grateful. The clothing has helped to make many comfortable and happy. With this help children have been in the Sunday-school who could not have been there without this aid. Also, our supplies of canned fruit, jellies, and vegetables have been carried into homes of poverty and sickness. We depend on the friends and different organizations to help us carry on our work, by sending us these material things, and we trust they will continue to remember our needs.

Southern Illinois Conference.

Miss MARGARET F. BELL, Deaconess.

742 N. Thirteenth St., East St. Louis, Ill.

Another year has passed in a hand-to-hand encounter with poverty, evil, sickness, and death, but in all our struggles we have felt more than conqueror, because God has been on our side, and while many times we have been unable to trace good or great results from our efforts, we felt that nothing is lost that is given to God.

No report can give any adequate expression of the joy of one's heart in giving willing service for Him; nor can any report take from a faithful worker the sense of blessedness that comes in giving even a cup of cold water in His name.

Miss Bell is in her eighteenth year of service in Deaconess work and in her tenth year as pastor's assistant of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in East St. Louis. Her statistical report shows how truly the Lord has given her strength to labor in His service.

Southern Illinois Conference Deaconess Station.

Mt. Vernon, Ill.

LILLIAN E. BISHOP, Deaconess.

The past year has been one of great activity. This faithful worker has been abundant in labors, visiting the sick and suffering, distributing garments and food to the poor, helping to care for the dying and the dead, comforting the mourners. Her opportunities for prayer and Scriptural reading have been many, as has also those of distributing Bibles and Church literature; caring for the neglected children, in finding homes for children and infants. Who can count all the blessings our Heavenly Father has made possible for this noble worker in caring for His little ones?

Southwest Kansas Conference Deaconess Home.

457 N. St. Francis Street, Wichita, Kan.

We have been greatly handicapped the past two years by lack of deaconesses, having only two for the year just closing. Miss Ankenman and Miss Severance, who have been giving faithful service, are both strong and efficient. We are very thankful that our prospects for the future are bright and hopeful. Seven deaconesses will begin in September who are above the average in capability.

We have found by sad experience that we can only have strong workers by selecting and furnishing the training of our own Conference girls.

We will hope to send a glowing report from the labors of these dear girls next year.

St. Paul Deaconess Home.

350 West Third Street.

MISS DOROTHEA MARTIN, Superintendent.

The hopes and prayers of many sincere women of the Minnesota Conference were at last realized upon the opening of our Deaconess Home, June 14th.

The Home is comfortably and beautifully furnished, and shelters a happy family of four—three deaconesses and one probationer.

We are earnestly at work, Misses Nelson and Martin acting as pastor's assistants, Miss Midcalf as Conference Deaconess, and Miss Van Scotter, a probationer, assisting in a mission.

Our sincere prayer is that the beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us and that the work of our hands may be established.

PACIFIC COAST BUREAU.

MRS. JOHN STEPHENS, Secretary.

1143 North Centre St., Stockton, Cal.

The Pacific Coast Bureau of Deaconess Work presents its third annual report with no note of discouragement, but rather with a feeling of gratitude and joy that so much has been accomplished. Though conditions have been trying, the opportunities for Christlike service have been many, the faithful workers have been blessed, and the Lord's work advanced all up and down the coast. The lines of work are varied, but the same loving spirit of helpfulness animates each worker, and the Lord who has promised to supply *all* our needs has given to each the needed wisdom and tact, so that success has crowned the labors of the year.

The Secretary paid a visit to the Los Angeles Home during the year, thus coming into personal touch with the deaconesses and the ladies of the Board, which was a great pleasure.

The most important advance movement has been the establishment of work in the Nevada Mission, which Mrs. E. J. Kirk inaugurated at Loyalton, Cal., and Reno, Nevada.

Ashland, Oregon.

Miss EDNA TRETHEWAY, Deaconess.

Miss Tretheway served this Church for three months of this year, when a change of pastors occurred and a new building enterprise seemed to tax the resources of the people, and she returned, after a vacation, to resume work in the California Conference. Her work was very acceptable, and when normal conditions are restored we hope to enter this field again.

Eugene, Oregon.

Miss EVA MARIE LUND, Deaconess.

This has been a most successful year here. Miss Lund has been a true pastor's assistant, looking after the strangers, visiting the sick and poor. Her special work seems to be among the young people of the college and the children. The deaconess has a class of twenty-two young girls in Sunday-school, has charge of a class of probationers numbering thirty-five, acquainting them with the teachings, institutions, and polity of our Church, and preparing them for intelligent membership therein. In connection with the Junior League she has formed a boys' club, "The Knights of the White Shield," in which twenty-seven boys are much interested. She reports nine hundred calls this year.

Portland, Oregon.

Miss ALRENA THOMAS, Deaconess.

Sunnyside Church has had the service of Miss Thomas since January last. She has done faithful and entirely satisfactory work, making 553 calls and doing whatever her hands have found to do. We hope and believe another year will see a decided advance in deaconess work in Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The work in San Francisco has moved steadily on, in spite of storms and strikes and discouraged Churches. Since the great catastrophe of 1906 thousands of homeless and discouraged people have been living in the public squares of the city in tents and shacks. To this class of people the deaconess has had a distinct mission, and Miss Weybrew has been engaged exclusively in relief work this year, while three of the deaconesses engaged in regular parish work have assisted from time to time. Great credit is due these faithful workers in being the first to establish religious services among these refugees, and the only Christian teaching they have received has been from the deaconesses, assisted by the Methodist pastors of the city, who have held services each Sunday, reaching many who otherwise would never hear the Word of Life.

We have had two evangelistic deaconesses this year, who have assisted the pastors in special meetings and, in some instances, supplied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. Both have been very acceptable to the people. Miss Fassett has conducted and addressed 178 evangelistic meetings, and Miss Megquier has spoken ninety-seven times. These, with the numerous calls and special cases, have filled a busy year. The results will only be known in eternity.

The Home has been repaired and strengthened, and has proven a home indeed to those seeking shelter beneath its roof. The school has had a prosperous year, with an enrollment of fourteen and a graduating class of six.

Santa Cruz, Cal.

Mrs. HELEN R. PECK, Deaconess.

Mrs. Peck has continued to be the "right hand" of the Church here. The Junior League continues to be a strong factor among the young people. Aside from this, she has organized a Queen Esther Circle, and her Sunday-school class of young ladies, thirty-eight in number, have effected a class organization and have decided to furnish a room in the Deaconess Home in San Francisco as their special work. The high esteem in which Mrs. Peck is held is evidenced by the pleasant surprise party which was given in her honor on the occasion of her birthday, and the gifts bestowed. We regret that illness has laid Mrs. Peck aside for some weeks, but her recovery is now assured.

San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. MARY WIDAMAN, Deaconess.

A busy and fruitful year has just closed. San Jose, having had deaconess service some years ago, received Mrs. Widaman with open hearts, showing their appreciation of her faithful work by a gift of a fine new bicycle at Christmas time. She has been a valued assistant to the pastor, making 1,042 calls, looking up Church letters, taking charge of probationers, etc.

Watsonville, Cal.

Miss CARRIE PEARSON, Deaconess.

Miss Pearson has served this Church for some time, assisting in special meetings, teaching in Sunday-school, taking charge of the Intermediate League, and doing the regular work of a parish deaconess. Her services are much appreciated.

Nevada Mission, Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. EMMA J. KIRK, Deaconess, Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. Kirk was employed by the Nevada Mission to open work in its territory, and went to Reno in November. Soon after she spent a month in Loyalton, assisting in a special meeting. She then returned to Reno, expecting later to go out to the towns and mining camps; but the severe winter and unsettled conditions made it unadvisable, so she has remained in Reno, making herself so indispensable to the Church that a deaconess is now considered an important part of the equipment of that up-to-date Church. Her report shows 1,971 calls made, 708 taught in Industrial School, and fifteen meetings conducted.

Southern California Conference Deaconess Home.

451 Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss M. J. BIRDSALL, Superintendent.

The Home, at Westlake Ave., is a home indeed to all the workers. The superintendent, Miss Birdsall, is beloved by all and is a busy house mother, looking faithfully after all the details that make the machinery run smoothly, keeping the atmosphere sweet and wholesome, counseling and advising the deaconesses, conducting the large correspondence, answer-

ing the numerous calls at the door and telephone, and doing it all in such a sweet Christian spirit as to dignify and ennoble even the little things. The Hewitt Street property is not in the most desirable location and has run down so that is was deemed advisable to close the hospital last year. However, sixty sick people have been cared for in hospital and homes. The new lots purchased for the hospital have been almost entirely paid for this year, and soon a call will be made for money with which to build. The property at 226 Hewitt Street has been put in the hands of a real estate broker, and when sold a new property in a more desirable location will be bought.

Travelers' Aid Work has been carried on faithfully, 1,938 people having been cared for this year. The parish work also has received due attention. Two deaconesses are employed by the Sunday-school of First Church, which gave Miss Loughead the inspiration of a trip to Chicago to attend the Deaconess Convention. Mrs. McConey is doing acceptable work in Boyle Heights Church, in Los Angeles.

Long Beach, Cal.

Miss LUCY METZGER, Deaconess.

The Church has been well served by Miss Metzger, who has acted as pastor's assistant and has a special work among the young people of this large Church. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Pasadena, Cal.

Miss METTIE CHAFFEE, Deaconess.

Miss Chaffee is employed by the Sunday-school of First Church, and finds enough to do to keep her busy in looking after the scholars in all departments of this large school. That they appreciate her work is evidenced by the fact that the school paid her expenses to Chicago to attend the Deaconess Convention there.

San Bernadino, Cal.

Miss NELLIE SANBORN, Deaconess.

Miss Nellie Sanborn until March was engaged in evangelistic work, but then was assigned to work in San Bernardino. Since then she has made 525 calls and acted as pastor's assistant, finding many opportunities to minister to the poor, the sick, and the needy, and doing it all with the one aim—to save souls. Her ministry has been greatly blessed.

Chico and West Berkley.

Miss GRACE BOWMAN, Deaconess.

Miss Grace Bowman has given a portion of her time this year to the Churches of Chico and West Berkeley. For some months she has been at Eighth Avenue Church, in Oakland.

Miss Bowman graduated from the San Francisco school in 1904 and devoted herself for a long time to work among the Japanese on the coast. Her experience and consecration make her a valuable deaconess worker, causing her to be held in high esteem by the pastor and people for whatever Church she may labor.

Davis Deaconess Home.

347 East Fourth Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss C. E. ROBINSON, Superintendent.

During the past year seven deaconesses have been connected with this Home. One of these, Miss Ida R. Watson, has served the Church at Ogden. In Salt Kake City four pastors and five Churches have been served. In one of these there was no resident pastor, and the deaconess has built up a good Sunday-school of sixty pupils from a weak, puny one of a year ago.

Early in the year Miss Lucy B. Metzger was transferred to Southern California, and later Harriet E. Laney to Mission Work in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Mrs. Bailiff, who had been with us a year, has returned to her home in California.

Services have been held at the jail and the county infirmary. New workers are expected to fill our depleted ranks for the coming year.

BUREAU FOR SUPERVISION OF COLORED DEACONESSES.

Mrs. T. L. TOMKINSON, Secretary.

1401½ Green Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

With the approach of winter, 1906, one of our choicest workers, Miss Anna E. Hall, superintendent of the Colored Deaconess Home at South Atlanta, Ga., consenting to a call which had been laid upon her spirit from girlhood, went, by appointment of Bishop Hartzell, to do missionary work in Siberia. The keynote of this woman's life may be found in a sentence taken from her farewell letter to the Secretary of this Bureau, "Wherever I am, I shall try to do my best." Miss Mitchell, always the fostering mother of all our missionary work in Atlanta, "misses her sorely." Her place has not been filled.

Surely we must look to such leaders as Miss Mitchell for the development and training of future workers among the women of this race.

Four deaconesses are without regular engagements. Two have relatives depending upon them for financial support. One has not been in correspondence with the Bureau for over a year, but, as she is well spoken of by those who knew her, we are unwilling to drop her name from our list. All the above are licensed deaconesses. We have no probationers.

It has been impossible to tabulate the financial expenditures in this Bureau. We would advise that a line be added in the monthly blanks for deaconesses in stations requiring the deaconess to state the amount of money expended by the Church or Society employing her for her personal support.

We would again emphasize the two main difficulties confronting us in the work of the Colored Deaconess Bureau, viz: The need for earnest, sensible, consecrated workers; and, secondly, a more general willingness on the part of the stronger colored congregations to employ and support them when thus equipped.

Some efforts have been made by members of this Bureau to secure from the colleges of the Freedmen's Aid Society co-operation with the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the work of the training of deaconesses. These plans are yet in embryo, and the subject invites the most serious attention of our wise and thoughtful leaders.

New York City.

115 West Fifty-third Street.

Miss HERMINA Leonard, Deaconess.

Miss Hermina Leonard, after completing another successful year at St. Mark's Church, New York City, has severed her connection with this congregation. We are expecting to place her soon in another city. Dr. W. H. Brooks, the pastor, has spoken of her work in terms of praise, and the ladies of this Bureau residing in New York have frequently confirmed these statements. For efficiency, originality, and faithfulness, she has few superiors.

St. Louis, Mo.

Miss MARTHA JOINER, Deaconess.

The Union Memorial Church, St. Louis, Mo., with 1,600 members and a Mission Sunday-school, rejoices in the continued labors of Miss Martha Joiner. She has industrial classes to manage, orphans to provide for, funerals and baptisms to look after, and the sick and the poor are always with her. Her calling list for the year totals 1,760. Mrs. J. E. Chambers vouches for the good character of Miss Joiner's work.

Houston, Texas.

1016 Hill Street.

Miss ROSA SIMPSON, Deaconess.

Miss Rosa Simpson is still engaged in evangelistic services in the Texas Conference, with headquarters at Houston. She writes of stirring meetings and of many persons having professed faith in Christ. In March of this year she lost all her effects by fire. We regret that we have no Advisory Members of our Bureau in this section to report on Miss Simpson's work.

COMMITTEE ON REST HOMES.

Mrs. S. W. DAVIS, Chairman, 1016 South Avenue, Wilkensburg, Pa

Bancroft Rest Home.

74 Cookman Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Reported by Miss ANNA MOSHER, Superintendent.

The home has been kept open all year and, notwithstanding the fact that the house was only partially heated by the furnace, nearly every room was occupied during last winter. The entire building will be made comfortable this winter by a system of heating by hot water. The sun parlor and extended porch in front of the building are very great additions to both comfort and appearance. The nucleus of a library is started, which is in charge of Mrs. Christine B. Dickenson.

New Jersey Conference has been especially generous in sending sup-

plies, which have greatly lightened expenses during the winter, when the income is limited.

Many Christian workers have enjoyed the rest and comfort of the Home, and have given grateful expression of their appreciation. During the year thirty-eight deaconesses, ten missionaries, twenty-one Christian workers, and one hundred and six guests were entertained. Our Industrial Homes from the South have furnished us with excellent service.

Caroline Rest Cottage, Round Lake, N. Y.

Reported by Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON,
600 Grand St., Troy, N. Y.

Four deaconesses and three Christian workers have been entertained during the summer. The income from rent, board, and gifts has been sufficient to meet the expenses and leave a comfortable balance to start next year.

Elvira Olney Rest Cottage.

Ludington Heights, Michigan.

Reported by Mrs. LEVI MASTERS,
147 S. Union St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In every way this has been the best year of Elvira Olney Rest Cottage. The cottage was opened June 18th and closed October 1st. Financially, it was a great success. We have had the same housekeeper from the beginning, and she is well liked and a perfect fit. Roomers and boarders have been here three years in succession, and deaconesses as well as missionaries come the second and third time. The cottage has been improved by an addition and painting. Liberal donations of supplies and cash have been received.

Thompson Rest Home.

Mountain Lake Park, Md.

Reported by Mrs. S. W. DAVIS.

Our Home was open from June 20th to September 2d, under the management of Miss Octavia Hicks, whose enthusiastic and faithful work made this year an unusual financial success. Not as many deaconesses as we could wish were at the home this summer. We hope that the friends of the deaconesses will take note and see that a larger number are provided with a vacation in the mountains at our beautiful and well-kept Rest Home. Ninety-three guests were entertained, of whom only *ten* were deaconesses. We were privileged to entertain seven Methodist preachers, and were glad to bring them thus in touch with our deaconess work. Many gifts of supplies were given, and two quilts, one of which was very beautiful. The latter will be sold, if possible, for the benefit of the Home.

Our cash balance, supplemented by the help of our friends, will make possible the enlargement of our parlor and a presentable front to our house, which is greatly needed.

Wing Rest Home.

Huntington Beach, California.

Reported by MARY J. BIRDSALL,
226 Hewitt St., Los Angeles, Cal.

This Home was provided for the use of the deaconesses of the Los Angeles Deaconess Home only, and is under the same management. It is located about thirty-two miles from Los Angeles—at Huntington Beach—and is built on the camp-meeting ground. The deaconesses are entertained free of expense, and greatly appreciate the restful quiet and sea-bathing and the spiritual uplift of the camp-meeting.

Statistics of the Deaconess Work.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Value of Property	Debt	Deaconesses, Probationers & Students	No. of Calls Made	Visits to Hospitals, P'ls, etc.	Meetings Held or Assisted In	Hours Spent in Ind'l Schools	Hours Spent in Nursing	Hours Spent in Spec'l Serv.	Value Supplies Rec'd at Home	Yearly Expenses
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training-school	$17,000		21	5,689	209	271	423	551	4,387	$629 72	$1,532 31
Atlanta Deaconess Home			1	224	3	8	16	280	10		
Baltimore Deaconess Home											
Mt. Tabor Industrial Building	30,000	$4,500	14	12,910	170	1,349	782	5,348	9,189	774 80	4,000 00
Bancroft Rest Home	15,000	5,500								750 00	5,335 48
Bidwell Deacon'ss Home and Iowa Bible Training-school	14,000	1,725	28	11,207	108	374	79	1,349	1,184	1,277 23	3,073 93
Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training-school*	40,000		20	19,944	555	944		299	2,314		4,885 33
Caroline Rest Home	600										22 36
Central Ohio Conf. Deaconess Home and Hospital			5	1,435	19	103		1,585	6,779	551 00	7,902 32
Cleveland Deacon'ss H'me	11,200		19	20,631	185	1,316	1,488	372	1,124	1,621 11	3,233 57
Colorado Conf. Deaconess Home	16,000	6,500	11	15,020	236	349		258	2,320	772 82	3,829 12
Colorado Springs Sanitarium	15,400	3,500	5	905	290	22		16,774	4,863	626 54	7,322 84
Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage	26,000		5							300 00	4,836 23
Davis Deaconess Home	18,000		8	1,749	67	170		203		45 30	1,381 82
Detroit Deaconess Home	14,000										
Tillman Avenue Mission	7,000		16	13,545	913	636	202	1,528	3,648	512 50	4,386 00
Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital,	88,000		2							398 55	3,000 00
Elvira Olney Rest Home	1,025									12 00	764 52
Genesee Conf. Deaconess Home	20,777	8,000	11	13,616	289	232	142	428	9,437	1,410 33	3,583 76
Graham Protestant Hospital,	18,000		2							339 85	7,872 97
Holloway Deacon'ss H'me	10,000		7	8,253	279	825	40	255	273	577 28	1,286 83
Kansas City Nat. Training-school and Deaconess Home	75,000	5,000	46	8,799	513	2,126	494	406	10,806	1,347 53	5,934 67
Knoxville Deaconess Station	200		1								
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school (Bible Department)	$186,000	$ 5,000	95	1,150	75	150	175	150,000	72,400	$350 00	$41,082 26
Sibley Memorial Hos'ital (Nurse-training De'pt)	41,000										
Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of State of Indiana											
Mt. Carmel Deaconess Sta.			1	1,313		215	55			62 00	168 50
Newark Conf. Deaconess Home, Jersey City	500		9	6,925	175	862	200	1,201	2,933½	750 00	1,577 00
Newark Conf. Deaconess Home, Newark	Rented		9	4,706	82	238	160	2,097	2,396	300 00	1,686 00

* Building worth $20,000, leased of Church Extension Society.

Statistics of the Deaconess Work.—Continued.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Value of Property	Debt	Deaconesses, Probationers, & Students	No. of Calls Made	Visits to Hospit'ls, J'ls, etc.	Meetings Held or Assisted In	Hours Spent in Ind'l Schools	Hours Spent in Nursing	Hours Spent in Spec'l Serv.	Value Supplies Rec'd at Home	Yearly Expenses
New Haven Deaconess Home	8,000		5	7,894	56	844					877 67
OhioConf.Deaco'ess Home	1,500		7	5,397	72	56	40		499	300 00	2,049 70
Open Door Mission and E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home	8,500		7	2,227	42	116	131	734½	2,242	531 88	1,833 52
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	25,000		10	15,078	341	118	841	2, 319	6,630	1,700 00	6,879 44
Pittsburg Deaconess H'me	14,500		12	13,048	221	2,152	5,106	2,161	6,832	1,184 59	3,159 61
Portland (Me.) Deaconess Home	7,000	5,000	7	1,092	25	350	295	300	2,219	200 00	1,186 38
Provo Deaconess Station	2,000		1								
San Francisco Nat. Training-school and Deaconess Home	32,000	3,700	32	13,990	235	819	57	60	598	3,000 00	5,921 52
Shesler Deaconess Home	6,000	4,500	8	4,578	107	718	151	461	729	300 00	3,008 41
Southern California Conf. Deaconess Home and Hospital	15,000		14	8,380	456	277		857	5,420	625 97	3,305 92
Southern Illinois Conf. Deaconess Station			2	2,527	57	85	739		270	200 00	340 00
S. W. Kansas Conf. Deaconess Home	50,000		7	1,828		664		60		100 00	1,191 98
St. Paul Deaconess Home.	600		4	1,005	17	130		10	120		
Stone Deaconess Home...	Rented		2	648		58	70		804		524 72
Thompson Rest Home....	3,976										184 22
Washington Deaconess Home	7,500	4,500	7	9,547	104	532		1,104	2,235½	100 00	2,479 97
Wing Rest Home	2,250									50 00	180 00
DEACONESS STATIONS.											
Atchison District, Kansas.			1	1,438							
Alpena, Mich			1	681		166		22	82		300 00
Altoona, Pa			2	60			3		6		300 00
Barre, Vt.			1	105		22			115	5 00	300 00
Berwick, Pa.				756	50	97	200	80	1,878	47 79	402 71
Binghamton, N. Y.			1								
Boise City, Idaho			1								
Chattanooga, Tenn.			1	1,545	82	91		25	7		600 00
Cincinnati, Ohio.			1	1,895		190	408		344		145 50
Decatur, Ill			1								400 00
Duluth, Minn			1	1,781	1	170		47		233 25	382 60
Erie, Pa			1								
Hazelton, Pa.			1	671	6	167	206		1,125	27 00	370 26
Indianapolis, Ind.			2	307		73				20 00	111 29
Ironwood, Mich.			1								
Marion, Ohio.			1	985	12	117		128	300	25 37	339 60
Moundsville, W. Va.			1	1,328		343					376 09
Mt. Vernon, Ill.			1	1,128	93	245	200	93	300	367 10	413 84
New Castle, Pa.			1	1,508	113	34	101	17	229		270 00
Salina, Kansas			1								
Scranton, Pa			1	1,601	88	32			34		489 50
Southern Kansas Conf.			1								200
York, Neb.			2	62	10	95	6		336		
Kansas City, Mo.			1								
Kansas Conference			1	1,433	24	158	20	307	85		350 00
Oklahoma			1	329	8	221		3	13		
COLORED DEACONESS STATIONS.											
New York City			1	342	18	36					300 00
St. Louis, Mo.			1	1,753	13	47	93	264	22	12 50	300 00
Newark, N. J.			1	158	26	13				2 00	
Montclair, N. J.			1	228	20	51		96	200	31 00	
Houston, Texas.			1	1,545	49	91		49	48	40 00	200 00
Maysville, Ky.			1								
New Orleans, La.			1								
Deaconesses at work not reported in above list.			18	5,873	37	101	57	98	576		1,200 00
Totals	$724,528	$57,425	514	254,965	7,101	19,679	12,910	192,129½	168,364	22,512 01	159,601 37

CHINESE WORK.

Home for Chinese Women and Girls, 2116 Spaulding Avenue, Berkeley, Cal.

Scholarship, $70.

A year of many distressing experiences—earthquake and fire and the slow process of readjustment—has been followed by a year of quietness and waiting, but not inactivity, in the Home for Chinese Girls. They are still housed in the rented place in Berkeley, secured just after our Home was destroyed in the great fire in San Francisco.

An ordinary dwelling house is not well adapted to institutional life, and when the house is old, and not well equipped with modern conveniences the work becomes more difficult.

The cramped indoor life has in a measure been counterbalanced by the freedom and outdoor life they have enjoyed and the excellent health they have had. The children's school work has been very satisfactory.

The primary grades are taught in the Home, and are kept up to the standard, so that as the older ones go out into the public school they rank with other girls of their age. We have five girls in the grammar grades and two in the Berkeley High School. One, Caroline, graduated from the Berkeley High School last June, and is now attending the Normal school in San Francisco and boarding at the Deaconess Home. She is preparing herself to teach in the Oriental schools of the city. The reports we get from her work are excellent. The Conference supporting her may well be proud of its protegee. Our little ones, when they appear in public, always win approbation. Last winter they were invited to take part in an entertainment in which children from all the schools for Chinese conducted by the different denominations about the Bay took part. It resolved itself into almost a competition for honors, and our children were pronounced the brightest and best trained and most interesting group there. The kindergarten work is very important, for it draws the children from the heathen families. We have one kindergarten being carried on in Oakland. Chinatown in San Francisco is building up so rapidly that we feel we must open one there this fall. Many heathen mothers and fathers have been led to the church by the little ones who first learned of Jesus in the kindergarten. We will need thirty scholarships in the Home of $70 each and forty-five in the kindergarten at $15 each this year. Some Conference Societies, some Auxiliaries, and some individuals are already giving us scholarships and we are grateful for them, and we hope (and it is *desire* with *expectation*) that many more will take a share in this great work.

The house we now occupy was supposed to preclude any possibility of rescue work, but when the opportunities came they could not be put aside. Those rescued this year have proven to be unusually bright girls.

Early in the year some Chinese women called at the Home and told the Superintendent, Miss Davis, of a child in Oakland Chinatown who was being abused by a brothel keeper and she was about to be taken away, possibly sold. With one of the girls as interpreter and an officer Miss Davis went to the place and found the woman and child. After asking questions that were not satisfactorily answered Miss Davis picked up the child and ran. Seeing a man in an express wagon she beckoned him to stop and clambering in with the child and interpreter, and the officer taking care of the Chinawoman, they made their escape. Later

information disclosed the father's whereabouts and a paper was secured giving Miss Davis control of the child and guardianship papers were filed. Ah Yoke is one of the brightest of our prattlers and her merry little laugh is irresistible.

Another interesting rescue was that of Ying. She had been bought in China by an old Chinese cigar maker, and brought to this country when she was about nine years of age. He beat and abused her, for she was his slave. Last November a child was born. The old man took the baby to a hospital door, sold out his business and the girl Ying to an old Chinese woman and her nephew and left for China.

Later an attempt to find the baby brought the case to notice and Miss Davis began an investigation. She found that the young man, while he was pretending that he would marry Ying, had a wife and family and had in reality sold Ying to an old Chinaman in Watsonville and was about to deliver her up. Miss Davis, attended by an officer and one of the girls as interpreter, visited the place and after a few moments conversation the interpreter said to Ying, "Come, little girl," and she went with them apparently willingly. They were followed to the carriage by a crowd of Chinamen and the young man, protesting at the loss of his property. The officer's revolver, however, had a quieting influence and they got away in safety. On the way across the Bay the girl created quite a scene, and for a week or two after she gave the workers a great deal of trouble. Poor child, she didn't understand at first the reason for it all. When she finally comprehended what she had escaped from she was grateful to her rescuers. It is less than a year since Ying came into the Home, but it has wrought wonders in her. The Matron says she is the quickest and best girl in the Home about her work.

She goes about her studies in the same energetic way. From speaking no English she has come in less than a year's time to speaking and reading well and her penmanship is much better than the majority of our high school girls.

I want a scholarship for Ying. There have been other rescues, but the time limit forbids my telling all the stories.

We have had a number of steamer girls this year, but those "birds of passage" did not tarry long with us. Most of them were deported, and we can only hope that the little leaven of Gospel truth they gathered may do its awakening work. One girl who had been in the Home eighteen months was deported last June. It is nearly two years now since Miss Davis, returning from a Board meeting, found a creature crouching in a corner of the hall in a very hysteria of fright, and yet defiant as a wild animal. An officer had brought her from the steamer, until it should be decided whether she was to be sent back or not. She was finally pacified and the girls made her understand that instead of being in danger she was with friends who would protect her. She soon responded and Kiu grew to be very fond of the Home life and became an earnest Christian.

Every effort was made to release her, but to no purpose. The law says that a Chinese girl brought into this country for immoral purposes must be deported. There is no provision made for reformation.

Last June Kiu sailed away to China, but not to the old life. She was sent to one of our Mission schools, where she will prepare to be a missionary. Looking at that intelligent, well-dressed young woman on the steamer deck one could hardly bring herself to believe she was that desperate creature that had groveled on the entry floor only eighteen months before. There have been three weddings in the Home this year. Ah Liu, who was for so long our interpreter, married the pastor of a

Chinese Church in San Jose. Mabel married a government interpreter, a Christian. And Mai a Christian business man in Berkeley. They are all happily and well married.

May we call the attention of this body to the large number of Chinese coming into this country through the northern ports of our coast? If the papers are correct in their statements as many are entering there as at San Francisco. If workers could be stationed at Portland and Seattle they could be of great help to the unprotected girls, whom they could care for until they could be sent to the Home. Many could be saved from a terrible life. About three months ago Mrs. Bovard received a letter from a pastor in Oregon asking if we could take a young widow into the Home. Her husband realizing that he was about to die told her that as soon as he was gone she must place herself under the protection of Christian people, or his clan would take the property and her. She did as he told her and was cared for until Miss Davis went to Marchfield and brought the girl to the Home, where she is quite content. She has lately gone out to service. One saved, but we know not how many lost.

The only real calamity that has befallen the work this year was the resignation of Mrs. F. D. Bovard as General Secretary. She had served with such eminent success that the Board felt they could not lose her from the work.

When, however, it was explained that it was in obedience to her physician's orders, that she must be relieved for a time at least, from the burdens aind responsibilities of the work, they accepted her resignation, though with exceeding regret, and set about finding her successor. The one on whom the lot fell was very reluctant to accept the position, not from lack of interest in the work, but for fear she was not the very best choice for the *work's sake.* She hopes, however, that neither this nor the Home Board will have occasion to feel as the young woman did, who had just been married. Some one said in congratulation, "You have a model husband." She felt it must be a great compliment, but she wanted to know just *how* complimentary it was, so at the first opportunity she consulted a dictionary. Imagine her disappointment and chagrin when she read. Model—*a small imitation of a real object or thing.* Your Secretary hopes not to be considered that sort of a model secretary.

I said in the beginning that it had been a year of waiting. At last year's general meeting the building of a new Chinese Home was broached to you and some pledges made. Enough at least to give us courage to consult an architect, and begin the plans. We then hoped to commence building in the spring. Later, negotiations were opened with the Parent Board looking to an exchange of lots with them. After several letters had passed in regard to the price of property and the amount of excess we would have to pay for their larger lot, the matter rested, and for some time we heard nothing from them. It seems likely now that the business will soon be consummated, after what has seemed to us unnecessary delay.

I brought with me the architect's plans for our new building. They are now in the hands of the Executive Committee and when they shall have passed upon them with approval they will be on exhibition, and an opportunity given you to select a room, a door, or a window that you would like to name and so feel that you have a part in this work for the heathen in the home land. Your pledge of money for the same would help in the building and the beautifying of that portion you select. Might there not be memorial rooms? How much more beautiful than

in marble it is to see the loved name placed where it would be an influence toward better and nobler, *every-day living.*

It is a great privilege to us all that we may help in opening the door of opportunity to those poor abused heathen girls.

There is one door we have never been able to open. Before the fire merchants and well-to-do Chinamen importuned us to allow their daughters to board in the Home and attend our school. But we had no room. When we return to the city there will be the same, or even more urgent requests, for the ideas of *Western education* have not only upset and reconstructed the educational system in China, but have taken hold of the Chinese here, and they want their *daughters* educated. The Oriental schools in the city are few and inadequate. If we could add another story to our building we could secure a large number of these girls and by bringing them under the religious influence and teaching in the Home, we would see many of them converted and the spread of the Gospel wonderfully increased. This is *your* work and we desire your entire co-operation in this building enterprise,

MRS. J. E. PIATT, *Secretary.*

JAPANESE AND COREAN WORK.

Ellen Stark Ford Industrial Home for Japanese and Corean Women and Children.

2025 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.

(Scholarship, $60.)

To those who have been closely identified with the work of the Ellen Stark Ford Industrial Home for Japanese and Corean women and children a deep feeling of gratification over the results of the past year's work exists. With the usual difficulties attending the work, our Superintendent, Miss Lake, has labored and accomplished results which must count for the betterment of the class of women for whom we strive.

Miss Lake reports a decrease in the number of Japanese coming since the new Exclusion Law went into effect debarring the Japanese laborers from the Hawaiian Islands. However, our Home has been full to overcrowding. Each incoming steamer from Japan and Hawaii has been faithfully met and countless difficulties between designing men and unprotected girls settled. In many cases friendless girls have come to the Home and heard and accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time. Weddings have been numerous. It would seem that if for nothing else the Ellen Stark Ford Home might become famous as a sort of marriage bureau.

At present we have twenty in the Home. Of these three are women and six small children.

We have greatly missed our bright interpreter, Miss Toda, who was stricken with an incurable disease and at her request returned to her people in Japan. This we were able to accomplish through the aid of the Japanese Relief Committee to whom we have been indebted for many favors.

In the fall of last year we reluctantly parted with our able teacher, Mrs. M. S. Mack, whom we sent to take the place of Miss Jayne in the Susannah Wesley Home in Honolulu.

We had hoped to establish a school under the direction of Dr. Burke

and his Normal teachers, but owing to the clashing of public school authorities and the Japanese people it was deemed advisable to postpone this step, and Miss Minnie Taylor was employed as teacher of the older girls.

Of our kindergarten work and teacher, Miss Rockwell, too much can not be said. We have twenty bright-faced tots under her leadership. Some of these are from outside families.

At the end of our school term last month the Japanese people were invited to be present at the closing exercises, and I think that if all our ladies could have been present there would have been no question in their minds, "Does it pay?" The entire program was made up of essays, songs, and recitations by the girls and children, each of the older girls appearing in dresses made in most cases entirely by themselves.

Sewing and cooking have been made a feature of our work, each girl having to do her share of cooking and housework in the Home. Places are found in homes for those fitted to work outside. One of our girls, Miss Homer, who could not speak a word of English and knew nothing of American ways when she came to us three years ago, is now receiving $7 per week from an American family.

We plan as soon as a suitable teacher can be found to open cooking and sewing classes, thereby hoping to attract more of the outside girls to the Home.

Services are held every Sunday afternoon, to which all Japanese women are invited. These are well attended, and a great help spiritually to the girls. We have also a flourishing King's Daughters' Society.

A few months ago our efficient matron, Mrs. Lake, resigned her position and Mrs. Anthony was appointed in her place.

We have been strongly urged during the past year to establish a work in Seattle where the Japanese are making such inroads. Our plan is to employ a missionary to work among the women and children, not to establish a home. Appeals have been made with this end in view, but as yet the way is not clear.

(MISS) JENNIE COOP, *Recording Secretary.*

PORTO RICO.

The George O. Robinson Orphanage, San Turce.

(Scholarship, $40.)

During the year it has been the great joy and privilege of the Bureau Secretary to be present at the dedication of the new building which shelters our Orphanage family. Built on a most beautiful site, in view of the ocean and surrounded by tropical foliage, the location is ideal. The building is of cement blocks, which gives it a most substantial appearance and which, we are told, will stand the climate better than any other building material. Every possible arrangement on the interior has been made for the comfort of the family and convenience of the work. In the reception hall is a large tablet erected in honor of Mr. George O. Robinson and the women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society who have so generously contributed toward the building fund. The reception rooms, teachers' dining-room, and office are gems in size and arrangement. The large dining-room and school room on the first floor have every facility for the service for which they are intended.

We wish it were possible for each woman who may read this report to step into our model kitchen and see Miss Gill as she presides behind the circular table around which the girls gather for their instruction in cooking. The steel range is perfect and gives more satisfaction, perhaps, than any other article of furniture in the entire Orphanage. Above stairs are two large dormitories, with lavatories, toilets, and bathrooms for use of the girls. Four convenient and comfortable rooms across the front of the house make pleasant resting places for our teachers. In the cottage on the ground our industrial work is carried on. Here, in a large front room, the sewing classes meet, while another large room affords a play-room for the small children when the weather is unfit for them to be outdoors, and a smaller room makes a pleasant library and reading room for the larger girls. We expect, during this year, to put this cottage in such order that we may be able to use the second story for dormitory purposes as our family increases.

Our dedication day dawned clear, bright, and beautiful as a tropical day could be—February 7th. There were present for the exercises between two and three hundred guests. There was the greatest joy in the heart of the Bureau Secretary as she presented the building to our good Bishop Wilson for dedication, to be able to say there was no debt and everything in sight had been paid for. It had meant much sacrifice and planning, but God had guided it all, and we were able to set apart this building, which is a thing of beauty and, we hope, may be a joy for many, many years to come, to His service in the caring for the little waifs of humanity who come to us. In the Home to-day are forty of the brightest and most attractive Porto Rican girls that one could find anywhere on the island. Their progress in every way is remarkable, and those who are helping to support these girls may feel that all they are doing is bringing forth an hundred fold. That many more hearts may be opened to help us in the matter of Student Aid, so that we may soon have a family of at least one hundred girls, is our constant prayer and aim.

Before closing this part of the report, we must refer to the splendid services of our three missionaries and teachers. These women are giving the very best of themselves to this work, and in the atmosphere of love that pervades the Home they are giving forth the sweetness of Christian character. Miss Hegeman, our superintendent, must return to the States for three months during the winter, and we have been most fortunate in securing the service of Miss Emma Theobald, of Dayton, Ohio, who takes her place during her absence.

The McKinley Kindergarten and Day School, San Juan, Porto Rico.

(Scholarship, $15.)

While visiting the Island last winter, we found that such provision had been made in the public schools that it was not necessary for us to give instruction above the third primary year in this Day School, but we added to the work here a kindergarten department, under the supervision of Mrs. Floyd Allen, who has proven herself to be an invaluable and tireless worker. At the present time we have an enrollment of about one hundred and twenty-five in this school. The children are learning rapidly, and it is interesting to see their eager little faces as they listen to the teaching from Mrs. Allen. In connection with the kindergarten, we have also opened a small training school for young Porto Rican women who desire to become teachers, and have at the

present time six young ladies studying with Mrs. Allen. It was our pleasure to meet these young ladies, and we found them to be earnest and attentive to their work, and we believe that much good will result from the training they are now receiving. We hope that some of them may be able to open kindergarten schools in connection with the various Methodist Churches on the Island. The crying need in Porto Rico is the care and education of the child life, and, we believe, in this as in no other way can the child problem on the Island be solved. We are asking friends to give us forty dollars a year for the support of these girls, as they come from such poverty-stricken homes that they can not support themselves. We hope that friends may be so interested in this department of the work that we shall find no difficulty in securing the assistance needed for these young women. Mrs. Allen will be glad to receive supplies of cotton clothing for boys and girls from five to twelve years of age, also school supplies, especially such as are used in kindergarten work. We solicit for this work your prayers, your sympathy, and material aid.

Ponce Day School.

(Scholarship, $15.)

By permission of the Board of Trustees, we have transferred the appropriation formerly made for Guayama to Ponce. Here, in connection with our Methodist Church, a day school has been opened, and we are glad to be able to take the support of the school and the teacher for the appropriation of five hundred dollars. When we visited this school last February, we found a native Porto Rican woman in charge, Mrs. Elisa Gerardo Lagredo, who is doing most excellent service. We have secured her as teacher for this year, and feel in so doing that we are especially fortunate. In this school there are enrolled fifty children, with an average attendance of thirty-four. Forty-eight of these children are from the families of our native Methodist people. The reasons for such a school here are the overcrowded condition of the public schools and the inadequate school appropriation. We hope that this may grow to be a strong industrial school and that erelong we shall own a building of our own. At the present time we are permitted the use of the room in which the Church hold its services, while a new building, which will accommodate both the English-speaking and Spanish congregations, is being erected. For this day school, which is comparatively new, we ask just as liberal support as we have always had for the McKinley Day School.

(MRS.) MAY LEONARD WOODRUFF, *Secretary.*

SPANISH WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Frances M. DePauw Spanish Industrial School, Prospect Park, Cal.

(Scholarship, $60.)

This past year has been a blessed one, as have all the seven years of this school. The number of pupils for the year, sixty-four. Through the influence of Miss Newnom, teacher in the school-room, excellent temperance work was done, also patriotic instruction given. Both of these subjects are of great importance to our girls on account of the temptations

to drink placed before the men when they come to our country from Mexico, and the tendency to retain their allegiance to their own nation. To our regret, Miss Newnom resigned at the end of last year to go East. Her place has been filled by Miss Sofia Bobo. Two teachers were added to Faculty of the school in September—Miss Eva E. Hicks, as matron, and Miss Gertie Broadbent, teacher of primary classes and sewing. Both bid fair to be valuable additions to our corps of instructors.

We have been able to have the building painted and put in excellent order. Enough money has been raised to begin an annex, which will be principally for isolation of contagious cases. It is hoped that these cases will be few, so that the dining-room and kitchen may be used for teaching cooking classes. A class room is also to be added.

The pupils are beginning to marry and make homes for themselves, and in them is seen the result of faithful teaching and influence. All seem to be consistent home-makers.

Missions.

Two of our missions have been without pastors—the Ventura, all the year, and Los Angeles, since the first of January. Miss Mathias, superintendent of the school, through the girls as interpreters and assistants, carried on the work of the latter for some time. The faithfulness of the members and the girls under such trying circumstances showed the genuineness of their religion.

The missions have now a pastor who will carry on this work, begun by our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

MRS. A. M. WHITSON, *Secretary.*

MISSION SUPPLIES.

We are glad to report a prosperous year in the Bureau for Supplies. The names of 576 ministers appear upon our books. This, with the number from the thirteen Conferences which care for their own members, will easily swell the list to nine hundred. Surely, no department of Woman's Home Missionary work has carried more cheer and comfort to the needy than this. It has not been a hard task. Our Auxiliaries have enjoyed it and have proved that it is indeed blessed to work for others.

Our efforts have been appreciated highly by presiding elders, as well as the pastors and their families. One writes from the far West, "My men were never better cared for than this year and were never more grateful." From one of our Homes for Colored Girls comes this note: "I write to thank you for the very immediate and helpful boxes of supplies we received last winter. No year have we received better, and we were in special need last year. Some new things saved us from buying, and I was able to repack and send several barrels out into the country districts, covering some special pleas from presiding elders, whom we are always glad to help, if we can."

Another presiding elder says: "I will need several missionary barrels this year for my preachers, if I can get them. I have seventeen preachers in my district, and but one charge is self-supporting." From another: "The crops have been so very short this year, almost a total failure in the territory of my district, that much help will be necessary if my men are to continue at work."

From another: "This department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is a great help to us and is greatly appreciated by the preachers. I was deeply moved and thanked God for the work of the Society when, at the last district meeting, I heard the preachers expressing to each other their appreciation and talking of how they were thus enabled to go on with their work in comfort and without anxious care."

Many such letters have been sent out with the appeals for aid, that the women of the Auxiliaries, the rank and file of our army, upon whom this work is laid, and to whom the credit is largely due, may know the exact circumstances that have made the requests for aid necessary.

They have responded generously, as the report from Conferences will show. To all the Conference Supply Secretaries who have so ably assisted in placing these hundreds of appeals from the pastors and their families, and from our Industrial and Deaconess Homes, great credit is due. This work could not well be done without their faithful services.

The present year will be one of privation in many homes. Harvests were short. Fuel and foodstuffs have increased in value. The salaries in many instances are barely sufficient to buy the groceries. But we will not fail them, and as God has prospered us and provided for our needs, so we will pass His blessings on, looking to Him for wisdom and inspiration. Christmas boxes were sent to the children by Queen Esther girls. Some carpets, fur coats, and warm robes were reported, and some hundreds of good books and magazines were sent. Let us take fresh courage for our work for the present year. Let us be sure the "special needs" in each case are met. Let the clothing and shoes sent be of the stated measurements. Let the boxes and barrels be carefully and correctly addressed, the freight be prepaid in every instance, and the parties to whom they are sent notified by mail of the shipment.

Let all things be done decently and in order, and better results will follow.

May the blessing of the Father rest in abundant measure upon all who contribute in any way to the success of this work the coming year!

REPORT BY CONFERENCES.

Conferences.	Garments.	Books.	Cash.
Baltimore	948	15	$2,724 53
California	499	.....	708 70
Central Illinois	1,267	.....	359 50
Central New York	2,131	.....	1,016 73
Central Ohio	1,494	.....	688 22
Central Pennsylvania	999	.....	2,152 46
Cincinnati	5,368	50	2,189 46
Colorado	1,699	.....	2,436 31
Columbia River	50	.....	27 40
Des Moines	443	120	1.614 78
Detroit	202	.....	1,698 36
East Ohio	2,128	15	1,115 85
Erie	2,114	.....	1,309 51
Genessee	6,695	.....	3,012 00
Holston	52	.....	10 52
Illinois	919	15	1.064 65

Conferences.	Garments.	Books.	Cash.
Indiana	1,097	.....	814 98
Iowa	392	.....	282 12
Kansas	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	319	.....	171 39
Lexington	.....	.....	.....
Maine	3,194	.....	482 30
Michigan	1,050	.....	350 33
Minnesota	919	.....	625 13
Nebraska	69	.....	400 03
Newark	740	.....	1,999 43
New England	4,450	.....	517 74
New England Southern	1,819	.....	366 65
New Hampshire	533	.....	270 69
New Jersey	1,367	.....	1,034 68
New York	1,566	.....	3,255 64
New York East	1,290	.....	1,000 07
North Dakota	439	.....	267 16
North India	826	.....	1,622 06
North Ohio	307	.....	1,778 30
Northwest Indiana	1,848	.....	453 48
Northwest Iowa	1,168	.....	482 25
Northwest Kansas	191	.....	271 69
North Nebraska	968	.....	600 71
Northern Minnesota	469	.....	525 72
Northern New York	2,279	.....	1,205 23
Ohio	669	52	831 51
Oregon	1,050	.....	276 75
Philadelphia	1,663	265	2,916 74
Pittsburg	490	10	1,310 45
Puget Sound	.....	.....	.....
Rock River	3,956	54	1,232 35
St. John's River	30	.....	17 38
St. Louis	429	150	160 69
South Kansas	411	.....	184 67
Southwest Kansas	502	.....	816 22
Southern California	.....	.....	.....
Southern Illinois	901	.....	545 82
Troy	4,659	.....	3,389 36
Upper Iowa	1,829	.....	409 93
Vermont	1,140	.....	215 70
West Virginia	500	.....	250 00
West Wisconsin	398	.....	280 72
Wilmington	388	.....	300 46
Wisconsin	840	.....	185 17
Wyoming	1,799	.....	1,109 39
Wyoming Mission	166	.....	20 76
Total	76,282	796	$55,517.12

MRS. H. C. JENNINGS, *Secretary.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.—I.

Queen Esther Circles and Young Women's Societies.

On one of those wonderful days when Jesus was here among men a young woman came, carrying a box of ointment that was very precious, and it is said that the odor filled all the house. It was the odor of love—the greatest thing in the world. Now, the price of this ointment was very great, because it cost self-denial, self-abnegation, for she gave herself.

In a similar way about 18,000 young women during the past year have been bringing into the treasury of the Woman's Home Missionary Society nearly $27,000, each dollar, like the precious ointment of old, giving out a blessed fragrance, in cabin and dug-out on the frontier and in the city slums, for these gifts of love have been gathered by love for Christ and humanity.

The large totals in this year's report are a pleasant surprise to me—for from all Conference Secretaries came the word, "We did not do as well as we hoped to do, but promise a larger increase next year." The summing up of the long columns of figures shows a large and healthy growth!

There is an increase of nearly one hundred Circles, as we now have reported nine hundred and seventy-five.

There is no increase in membership apparent, because all Secretaries are sending a paid-up membership and are cutting off the reports of non-paying members. In total cash there is a good average report from all, showing a faithful, steady hold upon the work, while a large increase appears in other Conferences.

Baltimore, the champion Conference, as usual heads the list with $2,505.46 from its young women, but is not in the contest for the flag. East Ohio sends the grand report of $1,546; Philadelphia, $1,456.30; Detroit, $1,322.52; Troy, $1,061.39. Rock River and Cincinnati almost touch the $1,000 mark. Southern California, North Indiana, New York, East Ohio, Central Pennsylvania, and Central New York follow close behind.

With just as much pride and pleasure I could give you the sum totals of those Conferences bringing smaller sums and just as faithful, aggressive work; without these numerous Conferences bringing $500 and less, we could not gladly state the large total cash of more than $27,000.

There seems to be an opening for a new trophy, and during the coming year I offer you the following additional incentives to a friendly rivalry:

A prize to that Conference which has the largest proportionate increase in membership and dues.

A prize to that Circle which, sending a report of its increase in members and cash, shall be judged by a special committee to have made the largest advance in the general work of the Society.

In my work as Secretary for the Young Women, I have found it necessary to devote a large part of my time to correspondence, to the writing of articles and leaflets, and particularly to writing and publishing the much needed Home Missionary entertainment, "America's Reception to the Nations Under Our Flag," which presents the breadth and scope of our general work in an impressive and attractive manner, and its universal use is desired.

It now becomes my pleasure to tell you that our winners of the Conference flag and Circle banner are worthy of the honors. The Conference flag, won last year by the East Ohio Conference, is this year to

Statistical Report of Young Women's Work.

Conferences.	Circles	Members	Dues	Value Supplies	Student Aid	Silver Offering	Total Cash
Atlanta,	2	48					$10 00
Baltimore,	32	853	$359 53	$190 99	$391 25	$358 20	2,505 46
California,	11	131	28 90		199 25		228 15
Central Illinois,	13	245	105 75		207 65		334 53
Central Ohio,	20	325	198 25		73 00	27 50	305 93
Central Pennsylvania,	20	400	219 29	38 13	417 80	20 00	698 06
Central New York,	35	707	212 66	150 00	403 01	56 74	678 81
Cincinnati,	30	493	175 95	41 76	460 75	40 60	930 62
Colorado,	14	112					110 00
Detroit,	52	1,136	330 26	91 00	763 27	20 00	1,322 52
Des Moines,	20	439	156 15	66 34	427 27	10 72	703 89
East Ohio,	30	775	389 90		706 00	266 41	1,546 00
East Tennessee,	2	18					
Erie,	25	544	203 21	156 87	336 72	42 81	929 99
Genesee,	21	378	140 21	44 68	67 50	67 50	166 28
Gulf Mission,	3	75					
Holston,	10	290					175 00
Indiana,	12	740					
Iowa,	21	460	103 37	79 00	239 00	154 22	512 04
Illinois,	28	350	153 25		366 07		519 32
Kansas,	19	390	49 85	36 07	27 35	25	265 37
Kentucky,	1	34	19 00				19 00
Lexington,	3	40					
Little Rock,	3	25	12 50	1 50	7 00	3 00	22 50
Maine,	10	180	27 83	75 00	28 00	8 00	138 83
Michigan,	23	444	150 81	4 30	276 40	20 75	480 33
Minnesota,	17	308	56 68		73 34		130 06
Nebraska,	12	245	51 90	58 00	68 00	15 00	134 90
Newark,	16	346	122 60	66 00	161 00	35 35	343 95
New England,	12	172	67 75	25 00	97 50	2 00	295 62
New England Southern,	11	250	37 50		60 00	5 00	102 50
New Hampshire,	5	104	32 70	23 40	75 00		107 00
New Jersey,	18	349	152 39	108 47	170 00	230 63	617 37
New York,	8	121	58 00	350 00	100 00		223 00
New York East,	25	377	124 75	37 48	305 00	76 00	704 66
North Dakota,	5	123	60 10	24 75	60 00	23 00	155 39
North Indiana,	35	631	184 96	43 35	411 75	39 11	782 39
Northern Minnesota,	23	429	112 51	43 14	311 76	10 50	486 68
Northern New York,	25	500	193 61		58 44	30 00	366 55
North Nebraska,	11	160	80 30		30 00		135 63
North Ohio,	16	210	72 42		43 47		163 99
Northwest Iowa,	26	280	106 80	26 50	117 70	10 00	261 35
Northwest Indiana,	6	150					206 00
Ohio,	11	550	274 40				721 99
Oregon,	6	84	9 60	5 00	21 74	5 00	36 34
Philadelphia,	32	593		850 04			1,456 30
Pittsburg,	14	200	124 75		348 85	79 45	2,250 00
Puget Sound,	17	223	42 00	22 00	80 79	10 15	151 33
Rock River,	43	538	269 44		618 41	62 85	976 05
Southern California,	19	605	162 60		362 61	20 00	760 31
South Kansas,	8	64	38 85		80 50		120 65
Southern Illinois,	11	269					176 00
St. Louis,	9	253			412 15		519 63
Southwest Kansas,	23	517	177 55	114 83	60 00	6 06	436 46
Troy,	30	324	184 35	9 50	220 04	426 30	1,061 39
Upper Iowa,	17	374	150 10	4 31	182 55		339 83
Vermont,	4	141	82 00				162 00
West Virginia,	4	83	27 75		75 00		170 45
West Wisconsin,	3	67	13 13		52 00		65 13
Wilmington,	9	255	121 40	68 23	132 00		469 00
Wyoming,	11	208	90 35		202 55		412 17
Wyoming Mission,	1	12	4 00	3 00	5 00		9 00
Totals,	1,003	19,993	$6,323 72	$2,858 64	$10,205 34	$2,123 10	$28,152 60

be given to the Pittsburg young women, as they have raised $2,221.99. The beautiful Circle banner in a wonderful way expresses the extent of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, for it now follows the sun in its course across our continent, and leaves Washington for Pasadena, the Queen Esther Circle of Pasadena having given $326.87. Other Circles closely follow, one in East Ohio having raised $293, and in Central Pennsylvania, $209.33.

It was said of Mary's gift that it should be told as a memorial of her, and through the ages, like the melody of a tender song, the little story has been told even unto this very day. Of these young women's gifts to save America for Christ, there shall be an eternal memorial in the homes, hearts, and lives of those who have been blessed, for thus the oil of their loving service has been poured upon the troubled sea of America's ignorance and sin.

MRS. C. W. GALLAGHER, *Secretary.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.—II.

Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

The "Rule of Three" is more limited in its possibilities than the Golden Rule. It requires spiritual mathematics to sum up the totals of the Home Mission work of our boys and girls for the past year. They have made scrap-books and pieced quilts, filled mite-boxes and given money-raising entertainments. As presidents and secretaries and treasurers they have carried on the business of their meetings in a way that would be an object-lesson to many an auxiliary. They have learned the names of their very own boys or girls in Home Mission schools as those of personal friends, and have gladly earned, and saved, and given their money that these friends may have "a chance."

On a Junior League charter are placed three photographs of as many children in whose Christian training and education in our schools the members of the League are interested. A leader asks to what school her Home Guards can best send Christmas gifts—"workbags for the girls and fudge for the boys." In costumes as varied as the nationalities that make up our citizenship, the Home Guards have presented the results of their study of "Coming Americans" to delighted audiences, and, unconsciously, in all their good times and earnest thought, they have been developing character and getting into practical touch with real work "for the love of Christ and in His name."

Can things like these be measured in dollars and cents?

But the statistics of their work, though incomplete, are full of interest. From a total of 388 companies of Home Guards, we have reported $725.50 in dues; 678 companies of Jewels have paid in dues $1,751.89. The sum total credited to the children in our General Fund is $2,960.87.

Next to this in importance comes the Student Aid Fund, and to this "the children for the children" have given $3,355.98. The addition of $284.29 to the Silver Birthday Fund during the past year makes the total amount they have contributed for this $1,009.11, or $9.11 more than the amount we undertook to raise for a "perpetual scholarship." It is interesting to know that the first beneficiary of this scholarship bears the name of "Victory."

FINANCIAL REPORT.

(Including money given by Junior Leagues and Sunday-school classes of children.

The figures are those of Conference treasurers.)

Conferences	General Fund	Student Aid	Silver Anniversary	Other Funds	Total
Baltimore,	$17 65	$176 08	....	$79 80	$273 53
California,	1 50	9 96	....	....	11 46
Central Illinois,	12 40	50 75	....	....	63 15
Central New York,	128 22	35 27	....	....	163 49
Central Ohio,	88 54	67 50	....	3 00	159 04
Central Pennsylvania,	79 80	68 52	$3 00	23 00	174 32
Cincinnati,	95 31	170 69	....	26 29	292 29
Des Moines	32 50	24 25	....	18 88	75 63
Detroit,	73 30	....	....	....	73 30
East Ohio,	135 42	245 97	12 40	75 54	469 33
Erie,	137 46	59 00	6 81	10 00	213 27
Genesee,	146 42	108 78	65 91	5 00	326 11
Illinois,	36 23	32 91	....	....	69 14
Indiana,	65 13	142 27	....	17 00	224 40
Iowa,	45 30	47 00	....	18 05	110 35
Little Rock,	1 95	....	....	....	1 95
Maine,	12 55	35 37	....	10 00	57 92
Michigan,	83 42	82 87	1 10	....	167 39
Minnesota,	34 93	34 25	....	3 05	72 23
Nebraska,	46 95	27 20	....	10 64	84 79
Newark,	118 29	237 80	9 89	31 93	397 91
New England,	134 75	48 10	40 00	16 80	233 65
New England Southern,	28 22	29 08	....	9 03	66 33
New Hampshire,	59 05	55 66	....	18 43	133 14
New Jersey,	89 30	98 10	20 00	14 55	221 95
New York,	26 65	71 00	3 00	88 00	188 65
New York East,	8 40	60 00	2 55	3 00	73 95
North Dakota,	33 84	51 02	....	....	84 86
North Indiana,	79 50	38 75	18 23	35 07	171 55
North Nebraska,	41 45	48 87	....	50 31	140 63
North Ohio,	72 63	14 25	....	51 20	138 08
Northern Minnesota,	40 77	37 21	....	1 00	78 98
Northern New York,	43 14	62 10	....	10 50	115 74
Northwest Indiana,	34 31	45 27	....	....	79 58
Northwest Iowa,	48 66	36 88	....	....	85 54
Ohio,	71 92	61 39	....	75	134 06
Oregon,	....	26 00	....	....	26 00
Philadelphia,	....	....	....	....	178 52
Puget Sound,	21 50	10 00	....	11 05	42 55
Rock River,	144 43	254 71	15 15	84 40	498 69
St. Louis,	12 57	15 67	....	5 00	33 24
Southern California,	183 83	72 37	2 00	10 87	269 07
Southern Illinois,	13 30	15 00	....	....	28 30
Southwest Kansas,	51 60	64 46	....	6 00	122 06
Troy,	27 40	151 64	50 00	....	229 04
Upper Iowa,	40 45	27 71	24 25	....	92 41
Vermont,	34 60	9 50	....	....	44 10
West Virginia,	9 75	15 00	....	15 00	39 75
West Wisconsin,	8 70	15 00	....	....	23 70
Wilmington,	70 46	25 00	10 00	5 00	110 46
Wyoming,	128 45	234 80	....	....	363 25
Wyoming Mission,	5 40	5 00	....	....	10 40
Totals,	$2,960 87	$3,355 98	$284 29	$768 14	$7,545 23

For other lines of service—as hospital beds, building funds, deaconess work—Conference treasurers report $768.14 given by the children, making a grand total of $7,545.23 from our boys and girls.

This year two additional awards are made. We gladly recognize the faithful services of Conference Young People's secretaries by giving to the secretary of Rock River Conference the flag for the largest total of money contributed by the children under her charge—$498.69. East Ohio stands a close second, with $469.33 to her credit. To the secretary for Young People's Work in Cincinnati Conference is awarded the flag for the largest per cent of financial gain. Any Conference giving $50 in a single year from its children is eligible to compete for this second flag.

The red ribbon for the greatest per cent of gain in Jewel membership goes to Oregon Conference, with a gain of 117 per cent. New York Conference stands second with a gain of 100 per cent, and Southwest Kansas third with a gain of 81 per cent.

The white ribbon for the greatest per cent of gain in contributions to the General Fund is won by Erie Conference, with a gain of 171 per cent, Nebraska standing second with a gain of 131 per cent, and Iowa third with 86 per cent.

The blue ribbon for the greatest per cent of increase in Student Aid money is awarded to Iowa with a gain of 370 per cent, Central Illinois showing a gain of 298 per cent, and Genesee of 211 per cent.

Our Home Guard banner, the competitive award that means so much of inspiration to our work, is won by Vermont, with its gain of 130 per cent in Home Guard membership. Central Pennsylvania stands second, having made a gain of 63 per cent, and New York East third with a gain of 51 per cent.

We may well rejoice in this goodly showing, but there is another side to it all. The rich harvest yielded reveals not only the vast importance of this work, but the wide extent of untilled and neglected ground. So long as one Conference Secretary for Young People's work can write without apology, "We have no Home Guards nor Mothers' Jewels in our Conference;" so long as letters from everywhere are burdened with the one cry, "The children are ready, but we can not find leaders for them;" so long as there is a childless auxiliary in our ranks; so long must we say, with all the emphasis in our power, "For your own sakes, for the sake of the future of the cause, the future of the magnificent work that you have founded with so much of sacrifice and prayer, and —most of all—for the sake of the children themselves in the name of Him who "set a little child in the midst," and who has placed in your hands the sacred trust of childhood—for these we urge that the Christian womanhood of our society awake to the sense of its responsibility—for in the eyes of God and man it is you, the mothers and daughters, the officers, the auxiliaries, the Queen Esther Circles of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, who are responsible for the success of our Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels. Without your personal service in whatever way God permits you to serve, the children's work must, by that much, be a failure.

Some one has said, "The reason we are not more successful is that we are not willing to pay the price." It will cost something of time, of effort, of sacrifice, of patience and tact and strength, to break up the soil trodden hard by the hurrying feet of others who are eager and constant in their claims upon the children. The seed for the fruitage we desire will never be self-sown. To whom shall we look for its sowing and cultivation, if not to those most deeply and vitally interested in its germination and growth?

Education and society clamor for the children. Shall the Church and its institutions be crowded out of their lives save on one day of the week, and have, perhaps, only a small part of that? Shall they be educated to give for the cause of Christ as a mere matter of form, with the half-conscious protest of the small boy who said when directed to put his pennies into the collection box "because Jesus needed them," "Mamma, is the Lord always broke?" Shall they miss through all their lives the lesson rarely learned save in childhood, the blessedness of giving for love's sweet sake?

In behalf of the Conference Secretaries for Young People's Work, I urge a new and deeper realization of the importance of the trust you have placed in their hands, and such a rallying to their support as will give them a sense of power never felt before. And, above all, I ask your earnest and continued prayer that God, through you and by you, may raise up leaders for this work.

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

The active work of the year covers ten and one-half months. During that time I have served the following Conferences: Des Moines, Nebraska, North Nebraska, Wyoming Mission, Puget Sound, Oregon, Columbia River, California, Minnesota, Northern Minnesota, West Virginia, and New Jersey.

In addition to this, ten days were given to Student Conference at Capitola, Cal., and ten days to Student Conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., one week to the Michigan State Epworth League Institute, at Lake Orion, and one week to Iowa State Assembly, at Colfax. At each of these places I taught a mission study class, gave addresses on the work, and had special meetings in the interest of our work. At Capitola there were sixty in the class in "Aliens or Americans?" representing twenty-six different city and college Young Women's Christian Associations. At Lake Geneva the class numbered 205, and represented ninety-eight different colleges. At least one hundred classes in Home Missions will be taught this year by members of these classes. At Lake Geneva I met the Methodist girls, 144 in number, and gave them in detail the work of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. These girls represent the cream of our Methodism and yet knew very little of our work. They were greatly impressed and interested. All were given literature, and I feel this was one of the most far-reaching opportunities of the year. At Colfax I had a series of woman's meetings, which reached and interested many.

We need no longer seek for opportunities for reaching young people at these summer gatherings. Doors are thrown wide open, and it has been a source of deep regret that many calls have had to be refused, simply because one worker could be in but one place at a time. These meetings are held in July and August, when it is exceedingly difficult to reach young people in the Churches. Among the calls refused were three Student Conferences of young women, one Epworth League Missionary Institute, several State Young Women's Christian Association Conventions, and similar gatherings.

In addition to this special work, I visited 159 Churches and addressed

339 meetings. Among these were: Two Conference anniversaries, two Conference annual meetings, seven district meetings, two district ministerial meetings, one preachers' meeting, two district Epworth League conventions, one city Epworth League union, two Conference Board meetings, two training schools, one Young People's Missionary Institute, one Day of Prayer, ten colleges, seven Young Women's Christian Associations, eighteen Sunday-schools, seven Junior Leagues, sixteen Epworth Leagues, eighteen parlor meetings, six children's meetings, seven young women's meetings, thirty-eight monthly meetings of Auxiliaries, forty-two monthly meetings of Circles, three monthly meetings of Home Guards. I held two Worker's Conferences and six Young People's rallies, in which twenty-six different Circles were reached and instructed.

The work or organization resulted in twenty-five new Auxiliaries, twenty-four Circles, two Home Guards, and twelve Jewel Bands, with 606 Auxiliary members, 321 Circle members, 29 Home Guards, and 145 Jewels. I secured 244 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions,* and 106 for *Children's Home Missions.*

In visiting the societies, I have laid much stress upon systematic study, systematic giving, preparation of annual programs in advance, and businesslike methods in conducting the work. The response has been gratifying. I have visited personally twenty-three Conference and District Secretaries of Young People's Work, and find them enthusiastic and capable. But I was impressed with the fact that they can not do their best work without the co-operation of the women in the Auxiliaries. A source of deep concern is the indifference on the part of the average Auxiliary to the work with the children. It seems to me, the time has come when we must regard this as one of the chief duties of the local society. *Theoretically* we are all right, but in practice we deny our theory.

Many calls from Conference Secretaries for itineraries in the interests of Young People's work have had to be laid aside this year, but in the future we hope to meet all these demands. We are all glad to welcome to our ranks two additional field workers for Young People—Miss Elizabeth Evans, of Maryville, Mo., and Miss Edith Thompson, of Evanston, Ill. The former will give all of her time after January 15th, and the latter will give a part of her time. I bespeak for these efficient, consecrated young women the same cordial, sympathetic, prayerful co-operation that you have accorded me during the past six years.

The work of the year has been a varied ministry, and the causes for gratitude are many. It was indeed a privilege to visit ten of our institutions—Stickney Home, the Chinese Home, Japanese Home and San Francisco Training School, Mothers' Jewel Home, Marcy Home, and the Deaconess Homes in Cleveland, St. Paul, Des Moines, and Philadelphia.

Stickney Home shows what Christian education will do for the Indian. All of the San Francisco work was a great inspiration, but the many *needs,* especially for the new Chinese building, made me wish that all of our young people might realize more fully how much we need their help. Indeed, a visit to any one of our many institutions shows the value of our work, the sanity of the method, and the consecration of our workers. The work is so largely for the youth of our land that it makes a tremendous appeal to young people everywhere and they are so willing to take it up. We have now in this Bureau an enrollment of 45,000. Shall we not set our mark at 75,000 before the close of the fiscal year? It *can* be done. Will you do your part? Shall we not ask each Circle and Guard member to secure one more, and shall we not re-echo the watchword—"No childless Auxiliaries?"

My heart has been cheered by the increasing interest among the

young people themselves. I traveled 19,400 miles, and in the midst of wrecks and floods and storms God has spared my life and given marvelous physical strength. Three times I was snowbound in the mountains—once for eight consecutive days, and when we started down the mountain, saw the train which preceded us on that fateful night lying at the bottom of the river.

As I enter upon my seventh year of this soul-satisfying service, and recall the countless mercies of my Father, I am moved with a deep sense of gratitude to Him and a fixed purpose to render better service than ever before.

Will you not join with me in a covenant of prayer for the work of the Young People's Bureau? (MISS) CARRIE BARGE.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The two subjects basal with mankind—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and "The tithe is the Lords"—have been occupying the thoughts of God-fearing and God-loving men and women since the beginning.

There is a general observance of the Sabbath among all Christian nations and peoples.

The law of the tithe is equally binding, but not equally observed. Why is this?

Perhaps the Indians' answer to the apostle, John Eliot, when they were told about the Sabbath day and asked if they would agree to do no work on that day, will explain the matter. They replied, "We never work on any day if we can help it, and we can easily agree to rest on that day."

To abstain from labor is more in accord with our inclination than to part with our money.

Very few Christians fail to be convinced that "The tithe is the Lords." Very many are perplexed as to what their income is—the basis of the tithe. This question must be settled in some measure by each individual as each settles his method of Sabbath observance.

As it seems to us, all money used for personal expenses—food, clothing, housing, etc.—and all surplus laid up for future use is our income and should be tithed. As suggested, the details must be settled by each individual according to his conscience.

The Secretary will have more time hereafter to devote to the work of this department, and we are praying for a great revival of interest in God's plan of finance.

We have had some encouraging reports from the field during the year.

Mrs. Snyder of Northern New York Conference is circulating "Mary Christopher," has tithing presented at annual meetings and sermons on tithing.

Mrs. Stanton, of the Kansas Conference, sends a list of ninety-two tithers. Mrs. Clark, of Central Avenue Church, Topeka, writes Mrs. Stanton: "I do believe the people are awake to the privilege of tithing if only they are encouraged. In our own Church our young people—almost all wage-earners—are nearly all tithing this last year."

Mrs. McCool, of the Rock River Conference, reports fifty-three tithers, 755 leaflets sent out, five tithing sermons reported, and report blanks and pledge cards sent to every Auxiliary.

Miss Fisk, of the Wyoming Conference, writes: "More interest has been taken in systematic beneficence than ever before—more sermons preached, and the subject more fully presented by personal work, leaflets, and in different ways; 417 tithers enrolled."

Mrs. Adair, of the Philadelphia Conference, reports 102 tithers enrolled, 400 leaflets distributed; "The Pocket Measure" and "Mary Christopher" being circulated; pledge cards and report blanks supplied the Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Allen, of the Illinois Conference, reports a hundred tithers enrolled, thirteen tithing sermons preached, six thousand pages of literature distributed, and Auxiliaries supplied with blanks and pledge cards.

Mrs. Jackson, of the North Indiana Conference, reports sermons preached and subject presented at Auxiliary and prayer-meetings and district and Conference conventions, also 9,798 pages of literature distributed and many copies of "Mary Christopher" in circulation, and 492 tithers enrolled.

Mrs. Leadley, of the Genesee Conference, has presented the subject of tithing at three public meetings, written letters enclosing blanks and pledge cards to District Secretaries, and reports one hundred tithers.

Mrs. Fitz, of the Minnesota Conference, reports over twenty "Mary Christophers" in circulation, and pledge cards and several hundred tithing leaflets distributed.

Mrs. Stanton, of the Erie Conference, writes: "The best work has been done this year. Have nearly doubled our numbers. Our Conference is well organized, and District Secretaries are doing good work. Much literature has been distributed, and 'Mary Christopher' is used to great profit. Sermons have been preached. Tithing has been presented at Leagues and prayer-meetings. Tithers enrolled, 435."

Mrs. Plested, of the Colorado Conference, writes: "Sixty-three new names have been reported, and a host of those who tithe but who do not sign the cards. The report shows a remarkable growth of interest, and the letters of the Secretary are promptly answered. Over 1,300 pages of leaflets have been distributed."

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying: "If God be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace: then shall the Lord be my God: and this stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house: and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

(MRS.) MARGARET ALSPAUGH, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

ALABAMA.

While the work in the Conference has fallen short of what we had hoped for this year, yet there has been progress.

The work centers largely around Boaz, and as the Rebecca McClesky Home burned early in the year all our attention was turned to the care of the girls who remained with us and planning to rebuild during the year. The new Home is now practically done and we hope for more aggressive work in the year to come. The membership was doubled by the organization of one new Auxiliary and the subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* was tripled. Two Mite Box Bands were organized and the cause was presented at one camp-meeting. A very interesting Conference Anniversary was held and was addressed by Mrs. W. B. Smead, once a missionary to the Pacific Coast. Pledges to the amount of $60 were made and all were paid. A number of persons read the books of the Reading Course with great profit. There is a Queen Esther Circle and one band of Home Guards, and one Junior League doing Home Mission work.

We are hopeful for the new year.

(Mrs.) Anna D. Elder, *Secretary.*

ATLANTA.

During the past year the Atlanta Conference has been gathering together her scattered forces, that owing to the omission of the Annual Meeting last fall some thought had disbanded. The past summer Miss Garrison spent three months within the borders of the Conference in the interest of the Society.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Chapel Street Church, Atlanta, Ga., October 10-13. The session was one of unusual interest. A good representation was in attendance from the local Auxiliaries in and around Atlanta, and a few delegates came from a distance.

On Friday evening the young women of Thayer Home gave the "Nations under our Flag" to the delight of a large audience. The children's rally for Sunday afternoon was an object lesson of what the local worker may do within her own territory. The members of Chapel Street Church have gone out into the alleys and byways in the vicinity of the church and organized four Sunday-school classes with an enrollment of one hundred and seventy-five, and they tell us the improvement in the home life of these children since the opening of the Missions is marvelous.

The contributions for the year have been as follows: To membership dues, $145.40; to Students Aid, $30; To Silver Offering, $27; by Voucher, $35.39. There has been spent in local work much that has no recognition in the Annual Report.

We bespeak for this work in the Atlanta Conference a growth of vision that shall take hold of things not seen.

(MISS) FLORA MITCHELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

AUSTIN.

Trinity Church, of San Antonio, Texas, though composed of less than one hundred members, has a small Auxiliary, a Queen Esther Circle, and fifteen Mothers' Jewels almost big enough to be Home Guards. They are all live societies and each has done its best during the year. During the winter months the ladies of the Church made a number of quilts and sent two to Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, with sufficient clothing and other things to fill a barrel.

The meetings of the Auxiliary have been held once a month, and under the efficient leadership of our new President, Mrs. Eyman, have grown in interest and numbers. The Queen Esther Circle is composed of busy high school girls, and the meetings have not been held regularly. An enthusiastic meeting was held at the parsonage during the winter, and another on June 1st, at the home of the Corresponding Secretary, when a fine program was carried out, dues for the year collected, and four new names added to the roll.

The work among Mothers' Jewels, fifteen in number, is carried on in the Junior League. They are especially interested in Mothers' Jewels Home, and the needs in San Francisco, and cheerfully add their little mite to the great work of the Society, believing that God will bless even the pennies given to His cause.

Besides the barrel sent to the hospital, the Society has sent during the year $28.20 to our General Treasurer.

We close the year with thankfulness; we enter upon another year with fresh determination to do more for the Master.

MRS. C. R. CLARK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BALTIMORE.

Year by year the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is taking deeper root in the hearts of the women of our Conferences because it is Christ's work.

The Literature Department is ably conducted and as a result there is an increasing interest in Reading Circles. We have studied "Incoming Millions" and are busy with "Citizens of To-morrow." *Woman's Home Missions* has a growing subscription list, while the children's paper has over a thousand subscribers.

We have for years been the Banner Conference in Young People's Circles and have added new organizations this year. We must enlist the sympathy and interest of the young people, for they are to succeed us in a few years.

We are aiding in the support of the following Homes: Ritter, McCloskey, Mitchell, Harwood, Mothers' Jewels at York, and the Watts

De Peyster at Tivoli, N. Y., Stickney, Navajo, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish of the Pacific Coast, Alaska, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Immigrant, Rust Hall, Sibley Hospital, and wholly support our deaconess work in Baltimore, Martinsburg, and Washington. We have three Deaconess Homes within our boundaries. The new Settlement at Martinsburg was opened in a most needy section of the city, where there are a large number of employees in the factories. From every point of view the work has been a great success.

During the year Miss Almira Deane and Miss Josephine Corbin have served our Society. Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock gave us a month of beautiful, effective work.

We enter the new year with hope and courage for the future.

(MRS.) CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA.

Some one has said that difficulties only spur us on to greater effort and activity. And so the women of the California Conference do not seem in the least disheartened or discouraged. Most of the year has been spent in getting together our scattered forces, reorganizing, and getting upon our feet once more. The outlook is very hopeful. An itinerary was planned for Miss Carrie Barge and we were expecting so much from her work during the one short month, but this time the floods came and she could reach only very few places. Those where she did speak were greatly blessed in numbers and inspiration. Having survived earthquake, fire, and flood we are now ready for earnest, aggressive work, and hope to report another year more Auxiliaries, more members, more Reading Circles. Aside from regular pledges we have paid this year the remaining $500 on our Silver Anniversary Offering. Our special work during the coming year will be to rebuild the Chinese Home.

I know you will all help us with your gifts and your prayers. We also hope that more may be done among the children and young people. Queen Esther Circles are better known on this coast and the young women are very enthusiastic wherever they have been established. With hearts full of gratitude to God for His mercy and help in the past, and with faith strong in the Lord whom we serve, and with undaunted courage we pray that this coming year may be the very best along all lines in our California Conference. (MISS) AGNES M. NICKERSON.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Some measure of success has crowned our work, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society within our borders is stronger than ever before. Six new Auxiliaries and two Queen Esther Circles have been organized in the past year. Misses Mahon and Corbin worked in the Conference ten days in December, three weeks in April and May, organizing and securing many new members. Mrs. M. E. Roberts worked in Conference two days in December and three weeks in May, speaking at District Conventions, organizing, and adding much strength to all with whom she met. Five District Conventions have been held with good results. Our pledges have been more than met, Mite-boxes are quite generally used throughout the Conference, also the Thank-offering service observed.

There has been an increase of ten per cent in subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions,* twenty-five per cent in *Children's Home Missions.* I owe much to our faithful District and Conference officers, who have assisted me during the past year; much praise is due our Conference Treasurer, Miss Ella G. Taylor, who has been so faithful in her work. Woman's Home Missionary Day at District Camp-meeting was observed, the pastors of the different districts delivering the addresses. We were especially favored at our Conference Anniversary Meeting, held in Rock Island, September 13th, in having with us Dr. Wm. Frye, of Trenton, N. J., who gave the annual address. His interesting and encouraging words were an inspiration to all who heard him. Miss Mae Strickler, who graduated from the Bidwell Deaconess School, in Des Moines, Iowa, last June, was consecrated at the Annual Conference, Sunday, September 16th, by Bishop Cranston.

Trusting that He who has been our strength in the past will be our Guide in the future, and looking forward to a better year, not of more opportunities, but more opportunities improved, we hope to see larger results. MRS. I. M. EASTMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL MISSOURI.

It has been four years since our organization was effected. Each year we have been able to find one or two more women that would take an office, but to find women who will work in Auxiliaries, districts, or even in the Conference offices, is very difficult; but our force is growing, and the laity has more knowledge of what the General Society is doing, and gradually but slowly our women are falling into the spirit of unselfishness and usefulness.

So many women of our Church have in previous years allied themselves to secret societies, until they have about crowded out the Lord, and it requires patience and persistence to find women who will take this burden upon their hearts.

We have had nineteen Auxiliaries, but only about four make regular quarterly reports. Most of the rest report about once a year, through the pastor, when he goes to Conference, but we are trying to encourage and strengthen them to better work.

Nearly every one of our sixty-five ministers report something to our Society, where, four years ago, most of them left the Woman's Home Missionary column blank in their Conference report.

Our Conference is largely a mission Conference, so please pray with us that God may raise up women consecrated to His service.

(MRS.) ANNA HENLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

We find no diminishing of interest in our Auxiliaries, and it speaks well for the cause that Auxiliaries of the fewest members have shown as great zeal and, proportionately, as much accomplished as those numbering many more. In particular is this true of committees, which have been formed in Churches where it has not seemed best to organize Auxiliaries. Interested women have met and often, under adverse circumstances, worked out good results. It is worthy of note that interest

in the "Silver Offering" and a desire to complete it still holds good, and not a few Auxiliaries will, during the coming year, avail themselves of the *privilege* of bringing up their apportionment. More money has been raised for pledges than would be required to meet that pledged by the Corresponding Secretary at the Lincoln meeting, yet *all* pledges have not been paid for the reason, we believe, that many Auxiliaries, being well informed along some lines, continue to contribute their money to the same purpose year after year.

The Treasurer has made the effort to comply with requests in supplying money to designated lines of the work and to the best of her ability, cover the pledge-ground satisfactorily. We have done a creditable amount of supply work during the year. No doubt much has been done which has not been reported to the Conference Secretary of Supplies. More than three thousand garments have been sent out second-hand, but "almost as good as new," and cash supplies amounting to more than $1,000. The Secretary of Young People's Work reports more money raised than last year and increasing interest in the organizations under her supervision. In the stormy month of March last, we had Mrs. Libby Allen with us, who did good, faithful service. Her return to the Conference would be of benefit at any time.

Brighter skies and better roads would have facilitated and made the itinerary more comfortable. Our members throughout the Conference are being educated to the point of welcoming an organizer and making her comfortable as well as useful.

There has gone out from Elmira District, of this Conference, a teacher in the school at Elsinore, Utah. A consecrated young woman who will, we believe, as God gives her strength, prove a strong helper in the work. We pray for a *vision*—for we must have it in order to accomplish results—and a *realization* of our opportunities, that we may, as has been said, "be getting ahead, not of others, but of ourselves."

MRS. W. H. PECK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL OHIO.

The work of Central Ohio Conference has varied little from other years, but we rejoice to tell you that our women have been faithful, and there is a deep spiritual growth permeating Methodism in Northwestern Ohio, and the cause of Home Missions has a large place in the hearts of the Church. We have not had the large increase in new Auxiliaries or members added some of the younger Conferences have experienced, but we are working toward the standard set for us several years ago, "An Auxiliary in every Church and every woman interested in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with the young people organized into mission study classes, and the children enrolled in the Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels."

The District Secretaries have been faithful in looking after the interests of the work and in organizing new Auxiliaries and sowing seed among the young people.

Our six districts held enthusiastic meetings during this year, and we feel confident the rank and file were inspired to better service for the King of kings. The districts are all well equipped with good leaders, and we predict good results from their conscientious, self-sacrificing labors.

All the different departments of our work have been very carefully guarded by the Secretaries of the various lines of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We publish each year a Conference Annual and Program for the monthly meetings, which we have found most helpful to the Auxiliaries. Our text-books and leaflets are very generally used.

The members are making a systematic study of the fields and conditions in the home land, which is already creating enthusiasm for the work.

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of our Conference was held in May, in the William Street Church, Delaware, Ohio. We had a good program, with splendid papers and fine addresses by some of our noted workers. President Welch, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, gave a masterly address on the first evening. Mrs. Anna D. Elder spoke on the second night and brought our women a message from the various fields. Miss Corbin looked in on our meeting for an hour one day, and spoke to us in her own charming way. We were favored with the presence of our own beloved Mrs. D. L. Williams in every session, giving inspiring talks and wise counsel to our workers.

At the Conference Anniversary, held in Toledo in September, Dr. Wm. A. Frye, of Trenton, N. J., won all hearts with a magnificent address to a large and appreciative audience, on "The Sign of the Cross at the Gates of the Empire."

We have added new Life-members during the year, and some special gifts of small sums have come to our Treasurer for the work. Through the kindness and courtesy of our ministers, our work has been presented at the District Ministerial Meetings, which has proven very helpful.

The Deaconess Home and Hospital has developed into hospital work, largely, and is under the joint management of the Central Ohio Conference and the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Thank-offering Day was quite generally observed, and the spirit of giving thanks is helping the members to give systematically.

The outlook is broadening. Home Mission work is winning its way to the hearts and homes of the people of Central Ohio. The words of the Lord to Joshua come to us, as He spoke to the new leader, "Be strong and of good courage, for I will be with thee whithersoever thou goest."

MRS. D. M. BAILEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

We have had a year of steady growth in numbers and financial strength. We have eighteen new organizations to report this year, and many new numbers added to the old Auxiliaries.

Our pledges have all been met and greatly exceeded, except in our Silver Anniversary offering; but at our recent Annual Meeting provision was made for its speedy payment in full, that is, on the basis of our membership in 1904. Many of our strong societies have been handicapped by local Church debts, as so many of our large churches have been rebuilt the last two or three years. And their claims have overshadowed every other interest.

A marked contrast of these large societies with many weaker ones in our Conference, shown by a blackboard exercise at our late Conference meeting, provoked our good women to good works, and they could not brook the idea of having so small a part in the final triumph of this great cause. Hence, the deficiency will be speedily met.

At our Annual Conference Anniversary, Dr. W. A. Frye delighted the audience by one of his strong addresses. At this meeting three life members were secured. Dr. S. C. Swallow, who is ever ready to honor

his wife, again gave us the amount required; Mr. F. Harris, of Clearfield, did likewise, and the friends of our very worthy benefactor, Mr. Kinslow, of Newton Hamilton, delighted to honor his good wife with a life membership. And we should also add the name of Mr. George Hipple. Mr. Kinslow, of Newton Hamilton, a merchant, has been much interested in our supply department, and each year his contribution is increased; this last year it amounted to $1,250, cash value. Among these goods were whole cases of shoes, beautiful dress fabrics, boys' and men's suits—which made many of our frontier preachers' families rejoice in a brand new outfit. And some of the beautiful dress goods were sent to our missionaries.

Our Annual Meeting, held at Clearfield, was most interesting and helpful. Miss Nellie Snyder, who has been in our Conference almost two months doing such splendid work, made the annual address, and assisted us in many ways best calculated to bring forth practical results. She greatly inspired our workers with her great enthusiasm. A new departure was making the District Secretaries Conference Vice-Presidents. This action induced the unorganized districts to fully organize. And we have reason to believe that the arduous work of the Conference Secretary will be greatly reduced by this action. Our Conference has been slack in the organization of our districts more than in any other duty. The work has not been equally distributed, hence some are overburdened. We greatly missed our President, Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, at this meeting, who for eighteen years has taken some part of the work of the Convention. But at this time her husband's illness kept her near him, which was certainly her first duty. Our newly elected Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. E. Staples, has won her way to the office by the splendid generalship of her district. If she can apply the same methods all over the Conference—and she can, since the districts are now organized—we may hope for even greater strides in our work.

The Anthracite Mission and the Altoona District Mission are making increasing demands upon us. Our apportionment towards the support of the deaconesses engaged in this work was doubled this year. Five deaconesses have been engaged in these fields during the year, and their number should be greatly increased. We can have no stronger appeal for Home Mission work than that which comes to us through these strangers in our very midst. Hundreds of them are being won for Christ, and have become steadfast, useful, and devoted Christians. May the seed that we have sown in this field spring forth a harvest of good deeds! Three students from our Conference are training at our Lucy Webb Hayes Training School. We are very anxious that the deaconess work of our Conference—which is unique in itself in that it differs from our work of Deaconess Homes—should have the careful consideration of our great Society, that it may come under the supervision of this Board and receive the recognition that it deserves.

We trust that Central Pennsylvania Conference will in the present year do greater and better work than it has in any past year. I bespeak for my successor the hearty co-operation of all who should help.

"All my lines shall ever be
Ordered by Thy wise decree;
Times of sickness, times of health,
Times of penury and wealth,
Times of trial and of grief,
Times of triumph and relief."

MRS. A. M. CLEES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CINCINNATI.

The work of the Cincinnati Conference during the past year has been most encouraging. The Annual Meeting, held the 1st and 2d of October, rounded up a full year's work, when we were able to complete the pledges for the full amount of the Silver Offering. The raising of the Silver Offering has taught us the blessedness of giving, and as a result our pledges for special work are larger than ever before. Our Thank-offering, Mite-Box, and Cash Supplies have advanced, and the growth in interest and knowledge of the work has been very gratifying. The Conference Anniversary was largely attended and very profitable, and the Annual Conference Meeting was the largest and most inspiring one ever convened. The work among the young people and the children is steadily growing, and we trust the day is near when we may see our aims attained—an Auxiliary in every charge, and every Auxiliary with three members under its care; a Circle, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels.

We deeply regret the retirement of our President, Mrs. J. W. Gaddis, who has been a great blessing and inspiration to all, but we are confident that her successor will carry on the work successfully.

With gratitude for all that has come to us the past year, we begin the new one with renewed courage and consecration, praying to be always ready for any service.

MRS. C. F. THIRKIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO.

More, even, than in the past do we owe thanks to the Giver of all good for the gifts He has so abundantly bestowed upon us during the year that is just completed.

In the courage, faith, and discernment of our noble President, Mrs. A. C. Peck, in the fidelity of our workers in all departments, we have an inestimable treasure.

We have definite accomplishments to record; the purchase of a commodious and beautiful Deaconess Home, called "The Margaret Evans," in a restful and attractive resident quarter of Denver; the payment toward the cost and running expenses of the same of over $10,000; great progress in the financial condition of the Deaconess Hospital at Colorado Springs, with nearly fifty thousand dollars in pledges and ground for the building of a new hospital, and a total expenditure for the Woman's Home Missionary Work of the Conference of $24,113.02, with a balance of $857.68 in the treasury, making the total receipts $24,970.70, a sum which God has graciously bestowed upon us in response to the demands of faith and prayer.

We would especially make mention of the untiring efforts of Dean A. C. Peck in securing the money necessary to build the new Deaconess Hospital. There, where the approval of God has been so clearly shown in the salvation of souls, the enlarged opportunities for the uplifting of men that will result from his faithful work, will be his reward.

We have 1,153 members of Auxiliaries, and a total in all branches of 2,097. In enlargement of the Young People's Work, the Rio Grande District has stood first.

In our supply work there has been a small increase, showing that in our Conference there is somewhat less need of help.

One of our mite-boxes contained $7—more than was reported from any Conference last year.

We look forward to the completion of our Silver Offering in the coming year.

Our Reading Circle work is in a flourishing condition and, through the earnest efforts of Mrs. Cotton Mather, known among the workers of the East for her good deeds, Colorado will be the banner State in her Reading Circle membership for the year.

Concerning temperance, Zang, the brewer, writes, "We have been unable to accomplish much in Colorado because of their Methodist preachers, Governor, and the *women.*"

All unite in regret that failure of health compels the withdrawal of our efficient Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Warner, from the field of her gracious and beautiful service.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

(MRS.) CAROLINE M. BUTTERFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLUMBIA RIVER.

In looking over the work of our Woman's Home Missionary Society for the past year, we are assured it has been a success along more than one line. Miss Barge was with us and did good work. She brought the needs of the work close to the hearts of our women. No one, listening to her appeal, could be unmoved or unconcerned in this great work. Miss Barge formed several new Auxiliaries and one Queen Esther Circle. Some of our older Auxiliaries have done excellent work. We are greatly in need of an organizer for this Northwest. We have material here for many new societies, if we might have an organizer who could give more time to each Conference. The organizers in the past have done excellent work; but there are so many places they have not the time to reach.

Our people need to be educated along these lines. In this way the work could be doubled, and soon our Western work could be self-supporting. People in the rural districts are good workers, generous-hearted, and capable. If some worker could go to them and lay this work before them, I am sure we would see visible results. We are looking forward to better work and more auxiliaries this coming year. Our women are loyal and are planning much for God and His needy ones.

(MRS.) JENNIE LIETZ, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DELAWARE.

We are glad to report that some of the Auxiliaries of our Conference are doing splendid work, and others are gradually falling in line.

We have completed our pledge to the "Silver Offering," and made a little increase in scholarships for next year. Our Annual Meeting in May was the best we have ever held.

Mrs. Boswell and Mrs. Bickley were present at our Anniversary and delivered very inspiring addresses.

Our Conference officers have visited the Auxiliaries and addressed public meetings in interest of our work.

Plans are now being made for the establishment of a home in Philadelphia for our girls, who go to the city from the lower districts of our Conference and from all parts of the South.

This home has been in our thought and upon our hearts since the very organization of our Conference Society; but the time has come when we feel that we must do something in this particular direction.

We have women among us who have made considerable sacrifice for the success of the work, but we believe they are willing to make greater sacrifices than ever.

We are urging our women to read more thoroughly the literature of the Society, that they may understand the work better and thus be inspired to give larger service.

We have tried to do our best, and pray God that we may have greater success the coming year.

MRS. L. A. PULLETT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT.

At the close of this, another year, and in accord with the practice of safe business, we take account of stock—we find we have no liabilities, but a balance sheet which shows cash on hand after all obligations taken by this Conference have been paid in full, including the $1,000 which we borrowed to complete our Silver Anniversary Fund within the two years specified. As we look back over five years of labor in this cause, we realize by comparison that some things have been gained which we trust will be permanent.

Five years ago we reported for the year a sum total for scholarships of $498. This year our pledge to this fund was $1,200. Our Treasurer's report shows that we have reached the magnificent total of cash, $1,956.46, and vouchers, $961.18 for scholarships, making a total of $2,917.64 for this fund. With this record we feel safe in pledging $2,000 for scholarships for the coming year.

Our Department Secretaries, in working their fields with ever increasing zeal, have exemplified Wesley's motto, "All at it, and always at it." Our Supply Department, under its valued Secretary, Mrs. I. N. Elwood, has a fine record, showing $970.40 cash, $727.96 value of supplies sent to Detroit Deaconess Home, making a total of $1,698.36.

Our Reading Circle Secretary reports a total of 271 readers. None but one who has worked this line, the very hardest of all our departments, can realize how much faithful labor this represents on the part of the Reading Circle Secretary. She says, "The work has suffered this year for lack of a leaflet giving the full list of books to date." May we not hope for such a leaflet in the new year?

Our Ministers' Loan Library, of which this Conference is the sole possessor, reports 601 volumes, which have been used by seventy-three ministers. Our subscription list to *Woman's Home Missions* numbers 1,411 subscriptions, and 797 subscriptions to *Children's Home Missions.* Under the faithful Secretary for the papers, we have for three successive years led all Conferences in the number of *Woman's Home Missions* taken.

Our Queen Esther members assisted our treasury by the payment of $339.29 dues; our Home Guards number fifty, and Mothers' Jewels six hundred and two. We feel confident that the Secretary of this department has much larger returns for her individual record.

Our Mite-Box Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Earle, still distances all our departments in the financial gains of her field. She has twice secured for us the banner standing, and the results this year are a large increase over preceding years.

This is a frontier Conference, but year by year our work grows more homogeneous, so that this year it is one of our frontier districts, the Houghton, that enables us to make a gain in membership, gaining 150 members in new Auxiliaries which were not organized for reporting last year. The Houghton District also manifests its zeal by standing second only to Detroit District in the amount given in its Mite-Boxes. It is said our upper peninsula is full of wealth which awaits our efforts. This we do not gainsay, but we would add that, better than material wealth, we are there rich in loyal-hearted women who love this cause. The sister district, The Straits, plans to strengthen and enlarge our work in its midst the coming year.

Six of our districts held District Meetings, which were full of interest. We found our newer districts again giving an example to the older districts, Port Huron District, in May, bringing in a goodly sum for San Francisco Rehabilitation Fund before other places had grown used to the name. Nevertheless, it was our aim to secure several hundred dollars for this fund, as well as for building. The Eaton Rapids Camp-meeting Auxiliary aided us with $53 to the Rehabilitation Fund, this State camp-meeting giving receipts from its anniversary in alternate years to Michigan and Detriot Conferences.

Mrs. Hilda M. Nasmyth was with us in our District Meetings and won all hearts by her unselfish zeal for the work. We trust that she, who represented all points of our work so fairly, may have tangible future results in aid of the home she so capably superintends. Her return to this Conference will always be welcomed.

Our Conference Annual Meeting, held in October, was favored with the presence and able address of Mrs. E. L. Albright. The large attendance and full program gave us courage to plan for a more extended session for our coming Annual Meeting.

While our gain in membership has been satisfactory, we have gained but one new Auxiliary, North Street, on the Port Huron District. Our receipts have been the largest of any year in our history, excepting 1905-06.

Our present need seems manifest—an enthusiasm throughout our ranks which will bring inspiration and new recruits. We have faith to believe that, under wise and consecrated leaders, through Divine guidance this success awaits us.

MRS. W. W. ROBINSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DES MOINES.

One of the achievements of the year was the printing of a year book, containing a short history of the Des Moines Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. We called it our twenty-third annual report, as the first offerings for our work were given in 1884, but we lived "at a poor dying rate" for fifteen years.

In 1899, Mrs. Ida May Benson, now of Portland, Maine, was superintendent of the Bidwell Deaconess Home, of Des Moines. Under her supervision the Iowa Bible Training School was established. Mrs. Benson began an active campaign for our Society and secured Mrs. N. W. Bass

for work in our Conference. At this time we had less than a dozen Auxiliaries and gave $882.

We now have property worth more than ten thousand dollars, and will be obliged to have more room to accommodate the increasing number of students. Miss Lulu McMillen, superintendent of the Home, Mrs. Mabel Hilbish, principal of the school, and the women of the local bureau are wisely carrying forward this good work.

Our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Jones, has moved to California. She was capable, exact, and prompt, and had served the Conference longer than any other Conference officer. We have for her successor Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, who will keep up the record so well established. We have larger amounts in the treasury than ever before. Those besides the Conference officers who have labored to make this possible are Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Miss Carrie Barge, Miss Nellie Snider, Mrs. M. Libby Allen, and the workers in the Deaconess Home.

Unavoidable circumstances made our last quarter's report too late for the National Treasurer's report. We have more than $2,000 above our apportionment for the General Fund, and more than twice the amount we were requested to give to Student Aid and Special Fund. A total of $11,326 given for Conference and national work. For this advance we thank God, who alone giveth the increase.

The Silver Offering is more than paid and has been a great blessing to us, introducing a new standard of giving to the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Des Moines Conference.

All departments of our work are organized, and the Conference and District Conference Officers and Secretaries are increasing in efficiency by study and experience.

We have had our quarterly meetings of the Conference Board, six District Meetings in the spring, a splendid Conference Anniversary, addressed by Dr. W. A. Frye, of Trenton, N. J. Miss Carrie Barge spent a few days at the State Epworth League Assembly at Colfax. Wherever a gathering of our Methodist Church was held, there a Woman's Home Missionary worker came also.

At the close of each year, when I see the advance, it takes a special grasp of faith to feel that we can do better another year, but as we look at the fields white to the harvest, we renew our devotion and say:

"O, joy of serviceableness divine,
Of merging will and work, dear Lord, in Thine,
Of knowing that results, however small,
Fitly into Thy stream of purpose fall,
I would be simply used."

MRS. A. E. GRIFFITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST MAINE.

In presenting the report of the Corresponding Secretary for the second time, it gives us pleasure to be able to state that, though compassed about by many difficulties, not the smallest of which has been the inexperience of the present incumbent, some progress has been made. At our Annual Meeting the Rev. Daniel Onstott gave a helpful and earnest address, and during the latter part of July Mrs. N. W. Bass rendered us most valuable service, effecting organizations at nearly every

point where she gave an address. As a result of her labors, seven new Auxiliaries, with over 125 members; one Circle, fifteen members; two Home Guards, twenty members, were organized, and seventeen subscribers secured to *Woman's Home Missions* and ten to the children's paper. We lack district organization, but hope for a perfecting of same in the near future. We need and request your prayers while we seek to do our small part in bringing America to Christ.

(MRS.) ROBERTA A. LUCE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST OHIO.

We have just closed the twenty-third year of our Conference Society and rejoice that this last year has been the best and most fruitful. Our pledges of $6,000 have all been met and large amounts have been paid into the Deaconess Homes within our bounds. We rejoice in the completion of our Silver Offering, having paid in the $3,890, our full assessment.

Miss Nellie Snider served us most efficiently during the month of June, having attended six District Meetings, one Ministerial District Meeting, one Epworth League Convention, and organized five new Auxiliaries, with an increase in membership in many others.

Our Young People's Work is meriting its full share of our loving care, as we fully appreciate it is to become our bulwark of strength. Miss Carrie Barge was with us for one Ministerial Conference and most acceptably filled her place upon the program.

Our Conference Annual Meeting, held in Cleveland, was a most successful convention. Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, from Southern California Conference, presented her work upon the Pacific Coast and won for it many friends. And so we close another year and cheerfully assume the responsibilities of the new year upon which we are now entering, feeling that we have "learned the luxury of doing good" and resolving not to be content until every Methodist woman within our Conference shares these blessings with us. MRS. M. H. NASON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ERIE.

We have had a good year in our work. Not all our plans and purposes have been fully realized, yet each week has seen something done in the interest of the work to which our help is pledged.

The correspondence of the year has been most pleasant and encouraging, save in the cases of a few delayed replies and reports long looked for. The letters received indicate more and more a spirit of love in the service—the real Christ spirit.

Incidents that helped to make the service a delight were the organization of an Auxiliary by an interested pastor, a Sunday-school class offering to do special work, a gentleman offering scholarship for girl in one of our schools, and an interested worker, with a vision of possibilities for the present and future in Home Guard and Jewel membership, reporting organization of thirty-five and forty respectively and ninety copies of *Children's Home Missions* taken in Sabbath-school.

Word from our Conference Treasurer, at the close of second quarter, that we were $450 in advance of same date last year had no depressing influence.

The advance over last year in our receipts is $1,778, which includes a gift of $1,000 to deaconess work from a gentleman in Oil City. We recognize, especially, the growing work among young people and gratefully record that $1,170 came into the treasury by their willing hands. There was pledged of Student Aid, at time of General Board Meeting, $581, and there was paid during the year $875. Mite-box receipts are $59 in excess of former years. Our proportion of Silver Offering has gone to the Treasurer, but it is our expectation to exceed somewhat our proportion, and our Treasurer is still offering vouchers in exchange for birthday gifts.

The vision of the field and presentation of special claims stimulates our desire to see enlisted in this work more and more of our women and young people. We have of new organizations this year, fifteen Auxiliaries, six Circles, two Home Guards, and three Jewels. The District Meetings have had good, practical programs and were well or fairly well attended At three of these we were encouraged by the presence of the presiding elder of the district.

Our literature has been generously used in a variety of ways. The new department of temperance has had considerable attention. Supplies were sent to fifteen homes and schools and seventeen ministers' families.

Erie Conference stands second in the list of ninety-eight Conferences reporting tithers. The district that leads the Conference in their gain in tithers came up from fifth to third place in the amount paid this year, and not because the other districts paid less than formerly, but this one more. Might there not be some connection between these facts?

We realize that very many have contributed to the measure of success attending the work this year, and especially and gratefully recognize the goodness of the Father in giving strength and inspiration to the workers.

(MISS) ANNA M. POPPINO, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENESEE.

Genesee Conference has had a year of even, thorough, consecrated work. The Industrial Work, in Perry, N. Y., begun by our deaconess, Miss M. J. Collins, among the factory girls—in a town with no public library, no park, no reading room—is of great interest and growing value.

Work among the 17,000 Italian women and children of Rochester, N. Y., in which Mrs. Daniel Smith has ministered to the homes through the children, opens a door of far-reaching influence.

The prospective institutional work in Buffalo—in connection with our Deaconess Home—under the wise management of our superintendent, Mrs. Emma A. Young, whose gracious, Christly womanhood *blesses* all who feel its influence, is the most important work. Mrs. Minard, our loved President, is doing valiant service in this line.

Mrs. E. M. Roberts has done excellent work in our Conference, arousing interest and organizing some new Auxiliaries.

We are increasing membership, enlarging our subscription lists, reading more systematically and regularly, and going on towards perfection.

The shadow of a great loss is ours also. Mrs. Ward D. Platt, one of our most consecrated and loyal workers, first Vice-President of Conference, wife of Dr. Platt, of the Missionary Society, and editor of

Christian Republic, has been promoted to the ranks of those "made perfect through suffering." In every department of our work we miss her strength.

A perfect woman, nobly planned
To warn, to comfort, to command;
A creature not too bright and good
For human nature's daily food,
And yet a creature pure and bright,
Worth something of angelic light.

MRS. M. S. WILLIAMSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

HOLSTON.

We come with rejoicing to tell what the Lord has done for us this year. We have just held our missionary celebration during our Annual Conference. Among the flags which decorated the platform of the church was the little silk one which we are proud to have, showing that we have raised our share of the Silver Offering.

Our report showed an increase of more than three hundred dollars over last year.

The large audience listened to an address by Miss Minnie Frickey, whose presence is always an inspiration.

We could tell of discouragements: The absence of our President abroad for several months, the illness of the Corresponding Secretary, and no visits from Conference organizers until just now; the loss of Sister Rhoda Sigler, who, after a much needed rest, has taken up evangelistic work in the Alabama Conference. All of these things have had their effect on the work, and still we press forward and expect to conquer.

Joan of Arc heard "voices" calling her to save France, and she gave her young life in response to the call, and met disgrace and death. Can we do less when we, too, hear voices calling us? The voice of God calls us to save *our* country for Christ. We hear voices calling us, too, from these different Bureaus for help in carrying on their work. Because we have heeded the call of Christ, we are anxious to be better fitted to respond to these other calls, and we are planning to press new workers into the field.

We are asking one woman in each unorganized charge of each district to join in a Conference organization, hoping to make the wife of each presiding elder a Life-member, and adding at least one hundred dollars to our receipts.

May I tell you what membership means to one woman in the Auxiliary which I represent? She had been urged repeatedly to join, but always replied that she had not the time. She finally attended a meeting; the program had been carefully and prayerfully prepared, and she heard inspiring reports telling of work done. Before leaving she gave her name for membership, went to her home nearby with tears on her cheeks, and fell on her knees, thanking God that she had been led there and that she could join with us. She says that she now looks forward for two weeks to the next meeting.

We pray for the time when each woman in Methodism shall feel this joy in service, and our faith in God and our loyal women is great enough to lead us to expect it.

We take up the work for another year with joyful anticipation, resolved to

"Look up, and not down;
Forward, and not back;
Out, not in,
And to lend a hand."

(MRS.) MARY OLMSTEAD LOTSPEICH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ILLINOIS.

Our Conference has closed what, in some respects, has been the most successful year of its history. Our officers, both Conference and district, have shown great zeal and enthusiasm in overcoming difficulties. We feel that we are gaining a warmer place among our pastors, as we have uniformly received the greatest courtesy from them.

We have received the assistance of three organizers—Mrs. Roberts, Miss Snider, and Mrs. Lavender—at different times during the year, and by their help have secured twenty-five new organizations and 245 new members. We have paid into our treasury $5,889.15, which, besides largely supporting our Cunningham Orphanage, has contributed to the aid of some twenty other fields of our work.

Our Supply Secretary reported cash value of supplies to be $1,064.64, besides 837 second-hand garments and forty-four books.

We were fortunate in having Dr. W. A. Frye, who gave our Conference Anniversary address, and Dr. D. D. Vaughan, who favored us similarly at our Conference Convention. We feel under deep obligation to each of these gentlemen, as we are sure that by their graphic and earnest words they have won friends for our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

At our last Conference Convention we elected a Secretary for temperance and also one for the Reading Circle, thus taking a step forward.

We are thankful to our Father for the degree of success that has followed our labors. We trust that seed sown in the past may grow and bear abundant harvest in the near future.

MRS. S. A. BULLARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

INDIANA.

We rejoice in holding our own, with a slight advance, against a number of whirlwind enterprises that have swept through the Conference during the year. So, on the whole, we are truly grateful in the strengthening of our stakes, yet to no great extent, as we have gained but five new Auxiliaries, three Home Guards, and eight Mothers' Jewels Bands; we have the same experience noted in other Conferences—the difficulty in securing women to take charge of Home Guards and Circles while it is easy to interest children and young people. We have strong convictions concerning our duty to the young people, and we are trying to impress them upon the Auxiliaries; there are too many childless Auxiliaries, indifferent to the eager young life only waiting to be asked to work.

During the year we will have in active work two deaconesses, and will support two in training at Washington, D. C. Sister Anna Morris

gives to us her second year of service; she has proven to be a real soul-winner and many will date their redemption and entrance into the new and better life to the helpfulness of this servant whom the Lord has chosen as one of His co-workers.

Letters seeking information in Reading Circle work are more frequent, and interest is increasing; the larger number of Auxiliaries are using in their monthly meetings the outlined program as given in *Home Missions,* using the text-books, the Home and Foreign, combining their yearly calendar under one cover, thus reducing expense.

Our Annual Conference Anniversary was a very gratifying success; the largest audience in the history of the society gathered to listen to the address by Rev. Joshua Stansfield. The address was full of information and inspiration. A little progress has been marked by ten Auxiliaries and one Circle completing their Silver Offering, Sullivan and Connersville each paying five dollars extra. Sullivan belongs to the honor roll in numbering five more subscribers to *Home Missions* than they have members. The interest in the Silver Offering does not abate, and many are endeavoring to bring up their full quota, and we wish to be classed among those who are on the way, and anxiously hope that at an early day we can report, with other Conferences, all obligations met.

Indianapolis District, imbued with the spirit of liberality towards the Methodist Hospital and Deaconess Home, made a pledge of $1,500, to be raised outside the society so that their special work might not suffer, and adopted the novel method of "Tag Day;" on the morning of the 9th of October the ladies began pinning the tags on each man they met, the result of the day's earnestness and enthusiasm being rewarded with $2,300.

A bequest of $500, from the estate of Mr. Hirlan Quinn, will come into the General Fund in due time; for this gift we are truly grateful, praying that others may remember our cause in like manner.

The special money of the Conference goes into twenty fields of work, not including local work in the Conference.

The circulation of our papers has increased, and the distribution of leaflets has been much more extensive.

We have had splendid District Meetings, and special emphasis is laid on the necessity of intelligence as to our work and aims, which can not exist apart from the reading of our paper. The Supply Department continues to be a feature of special interest; the larger part of the supplies now consist of cash and new articles.

As the result of the work of our Field Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Jones, it is encouraging to find the people are awakening to the value and need of *Home Missions* in sections of the Conference where hitherto little interest has been shown. We find that letters and leaflets, however helpful, do not quite take the place of familiar, heart-to-heart talks on the many questions that arise in the Auxiliary, and the best-intentioned people get confused ideas. Many such organizations have received this needed information and are more thoroughly equipped for work.

Looking back over the year, we are not satisfied with the results, and we earnestly pray that the new year may be marked by greater progress and that grace and wisdom may be given that we may so improve the time by diligent work and patient persistence, that the mountains of difficulty may be brought low, and the valleys of our discouragements may be exalted. MRS. A. V. P. ADAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IOWA.

It does not seem possible that twelve years have elapsed since I took up the Conference Home Missionary Work, so rapidly has the time passed. I assumed the duties of the position with much fear and trembling; but God has been better to me than all my fears, and has given a measure of success. To Him be all the glory. I now lay down the work and can conscientiously say that I have tried to do my best, and I trust the Master will say, "Well done." When the work came into my hands there were thirteen Auxiliaries and three committees, with three hundred and thirty-eight members, and no young people's organizations whatever. There were one hundred and forty-one subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*. The money raised for the year 1904-05 was $629.90. There were no districts organized, so there was much pioneer work to be done.

To-day all the districts are organized and doing good work. We have thirty-seven Auxiliaries, twenty-three Queen Esther Circles, twelve Home Guards, sixteen Mothers' Jewels—making a total of eighty-seven organizations. We now have 1,304 members, 406 Queen Esther Circle members, 239 Home Guards, 412 Mothers' Jewels—making a total of 2,362 members. We have of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 452; to *Children's Home Missions,* 268; total, 720.

The year 1906-07 has been our best year in all respects. We have raised, in cash and supplies, $4,454; $3,912.37 of this was in cash. Receipts from Graham Hospital were $8,426.45, making a total of $12,880.75. Our increase is $480.71.

Five new Auxiliaries have been organized; five Queen Esther Circles, two Home Guards, and two Mothers' Jewels. Total new organizations, twelve. We have had an increase in members, subscribers to papers, and money. We have raised our "Silver Offering" in full and met all our obligations.

It is gratifying to know that we have raised, in the past twelve years, $63,784.16. The work moves grandly on.

In the past twelve years we have raised $606.43, "Twentieth Century Offering," and received a legacy of $3,000 for Southern work from Mrs. Eliza Dee, of Burlington First Church, which made possible the Eliza Dee Industrial Home, located at Austin, Texas, which is now in successful operation and is a veritable lighthouse to the benighted colored people, numbering many thousands.

Since my term of service, the Graham Protestant Hospital has been deeded to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and a Presbyterian lady gave a nurses' home, giving us two buildings and a half block of ground, beautifully located. There is not a penny of indebtedness upon the property, which is worth, at a conservative estimate, $18,000. We greatly need a new building, worth at least $25,000. We believe our friends will give us this in the near future.

I lay down this work, which is so dear to my heart, on account of my health and the absolute command of my physician, but it is a great joy to me to know that my successor, Mrs. Naomi Day, is a capable, conscientious, devoted woman, who will doubtless serve you better than I have done. I wish here in this public way to express my gratitude to all the ministers who have so kindly admitted me to their pulpits, as well as our workers, and to the dear sisters for their loving patience and co-operation. Through all these years not one unpleasant thing has occurred, nor one unkind word has been said to me; but many words of loving appreciation and regard have been received. Surely you have not waited

to strew flowers upon my bier, but have showered them upon my pathway during the years. The memory of these years of loving service in His name with you, for our beloved work, will be one of my precious legacies in the future, and if God should spare my life, will be lived over and over again. My heart is with you, and I will in the future, as in the past, do everything in my power to help in this great work which God has given us to do. May His comfort and His grace be upon you all, is my most earnest prayer.

(MRS.) LAVANDA G. MURPHY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS.

In November the Conference Convention was held in First Church, Topeka. Many delegates and visitors were present. Bright, interesting reports were given, showing advance along all lines. Miss Nellie Snider gave the first evening address, and the second was given over to the "Queen Esther" girls, who gave a very pretty and instructive entertainment. Next convention is to be held at Manhattan, Kansas. The following April five District Conventions were held, with Miss Nellie Snider's ever helpful presence. In March, at our Annual Conference, Mrs. Hilda Nasmyth gave the address and was greeted with a large, appreciative audience.

During the year Miss Grace Hall had given herself unsparingly to our Conference work, organizing seven Auxiliaries, seven Queen Esthers, six Mothers' Jewels Bands, and visiting many weak societies. We can now boast of 821 Auxiliary members, 220 Queen Esthers, 59 Home Guards, and 131 Jewels; 360 copies of *Woman's Home Missions* are taken, and 148 *Children's Home Missions.*

The Day School opens up with Miss Evelyn Rittenhouse in charge. At our Pottawatomie Indian Mission, Mr. Steves assures me that we will hear from the work this year as never before, although the school did good work last year.

We have paid all pledges made at Lincoln, Neb., and will increase our pledges this year. Several individuals will support girls in our Homes the coming year. Too much can not be said of our faithful District and Conference officers. Perfect harmony prevails. Thank God for women who can do things! It is a blessed privilege to belong to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

(MRS.) CARRIE E. COPE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KENTUCKY.

Kentucky has taken no rapid steps in the years which have passed since October 17, 1903, the date of organization of our Conference Society. But the close of 1907 leaves us with much to awaken our praise and gratitude. The Annual Meeting of our Society was held in Trinity Church, Louisville, during the session of the Kentucky Annual Conference. Miss Malone, a graduate of the Washington Training School, was with us and addressed us on the work of the school. On Sunday of the Conference, Miss Malone was consecrated to the work of Deaconess. The

service, at which Bishop Spellmeyer presided, was beautiful and solemn beyond description.

The anniversary address, delivered by Rev. W. A. Frye, was an inspiration to all who heard it.

More interest is now manifest in this work in our State than ever before. We look forward with gladness to the coming of Miss Carrie Barge in December as an organizer. May the result be many new Auxiliaries and stronger old ones!

MRS. A. M. KINCHELOE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LEXINGTON.

The Lexington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society held its sixth annual session in Jackson Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Louisville, Ky., May 17-20, 1907. Reports showed a membership of 353 adults and ninety-two young people. Paid into General Treasury, $451.75. Total raised during the year, $491.52. The delegates and officers showed an increasing knowledge of the work and a greater ability to properly conduct the same.

A strong plea for the Silver Offering was made by Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, and at Silver Offering roll-call by the Corresponding Secretary, our former pledge of $100 was reported paid, and a new pledge of $200 given.

It was shown that some pastors, on going to a charge where there is an active Auxiliary, will change it into a Ladies' Aid Society. This has defeated our work in several places.

We are praying for a more hearty and general co-operation with us by our ministers.

God has continued with us, and in Him we trust.

MRS. C. D. C. MEBANE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LITTLE ROCK.

The Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society reports excel the past years' in our history. We praise God and thank Him for the blessings that crowned our efforts. The large attendance of delegates and young people from remote parts of the State, representing the Queen Esther Circles and Senior Auxiliaries; the reports from the District Presidents, the Secretaries of Literature, the temperance work, the young people's work, the five new Auxiliaries, the increased membership, and the treasurer's report over last year, given at the Annual Convention held at Hot Springs, July 11th-14th, are the true evidences of advance and achievement. Much of the success is due the loyal women, pastors, presiding elders, and the large number of leaflets, besides other packages of literature that were sent out, and the aid of supplies sent to our pastors and their families. The pastor, Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, D. D., and his loyal people, deserve the highest compliment for their royal entertainment. Every necessary arrangement had been made by the hostesses for our arrival. The Auxiliaries branched out and contributed to more causes than ever before; they succeeded in paying Student Aid,

Adeline Smith Home, $30; "Silver Offering," $68.65; Boaz Fund, $4; Rehabilitation Fund, $1. Despite our efforts, we failed to raise all pledged to our "Silver Offering" and Student Aid, but will pledge to raise the balance of $2.50 per member without lessening the pledges for the general work of the Society. The Little Rock Conference will be able to report its full quota as soon as it can be raised. Many of the Auxiliaries have done grand local work. Some places where we have no organization the people are being inspired through the influence and knowledge of the work to give to its cause. The sisters of the Van Buren Auxiliary furnished bed wear for the girls' department of our Budlong Hall, Philander Smith College. Rev. Johnson Camden and wife make annual donation of sheets and pillow cases to Adeline Smith Home. Space forbids the mention of other faithful ones whose zeal and devotion contribute willingly to the needs of both the home and school. The young women deserve special mention for their untiring effort, soliciting what they can in mite-boxes to carry back to the Home when they enter upon the scholastic year's duties. We trust in this way to add increased interest to our work.

The districts report as follows: Pine Bluff District, $44.75; Clow, $69.25; Fort Smith, $49.80; Forest City, $45.75; Little Rock, $182.25; total for all purposes, $393.05. The Woman's Home Missionary Society Associations, held on Clow and Little Rock Districts, were very interesting, successful, and largely attended.

The districts are well officered, and every effort shall be made to hold associations, and with the assistance of our Conference organizer, Mrs. Amanda Davis, who is enthusiastic and fully consecrated to the work of soul-saving, we hope to have more thorough organization throughout the Conference. For the need of active, devoted women, some of the officers had to do double work duty to have the success attained. The field is large, the laborers few.

The appreciation shown by the pastor and members as we visit the Conference and charges bespeak that the work is growing in importance and its worth greater. Number of subscribers reported to *Woman's Home Missions,* sixty-four; *Children's Home Missions,* twenty; Mrs. Anna C. Freeman, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. G. T. Saxton, Secretary of Young People's Work; Mrs. G. F. H. Morris, Secretary of Temperance Work; have their work well in hand and will push it to success. Mrs. Georgia Gray, Little Rock, had charge of the literature table at the Convention; her report showed all pay leaflets sold and free leaflets distributed, package in the hands of many to carry home to their Auxiliaries. The two lectures—Personal Observation in Alaska, and Travels in Holy Land—by Mrs. Chas. Springer, Center Junction, Ia., were highly instructive and entertaining. Mrs. Springer was with us at all the sessions and gave many helpful words of advice. The program rendered by the young people was a taking feature of the Convention. The addresses given were inspiring.

Our President is efficient in executive ability and spared no pains in looking after all departments of the work. She, Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, and Mrs. Nasmyth graced the audience with their presence and inspiring addresses at the Annual Conference held at Cottonplant, January 17th. They are cordially welcome to come again as early as they can. May the seed sown during the past year spring forth in abundant fruit!

MRS. G. N. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LOUISIANA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference has reason to be grateful for the degree of success that attended the efforts put forth during the past year. The Conference Anniversary was held in Warren Methodist Episcopal Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, January 25, 1907, Mrs. D. C. Mead, President, presiding. The National Organizer, Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, was present and delivered a very helpful and inspiring address. Her presence was greatly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to meet her. The Conference Society is composed of good officers, who, for the most part, are willing to sacrifice to carry on this great work. Some of the Auxiliaries are doing excellent work, aiding the poor, assisting the pastors, gathering children into the Sunday-schools, and helping generally any good cause.

Several new Auxiliaries have been organized and the membership is steadily growing.

The Annual Meeting held May 28-29, 1907, was indeed a success, both in point of interest and attendance, which has given impetus to the work. Many strong and instructive addresses were delivered, which were received with hearty applause, serving to arouse the slothful and quicken the steps of the active. One very helpful and encouraging feature about the work is the hearty co-operation of the Presiding Elders and pastors, which is indicative of greater results in the future. We regret that we could not do for the Silver Offering what we desired. But we will start in the near future to do our best at raising our full apportionment. We are greatly encouraged and are zealous about this great work, and with Christ our Leader we shall strive onward toward the highest mark of usefulness and success.

MRS. B. MACK HUBBARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MAINE.

Your sisters of the Pine Tree State salute you! In reviewing the work of the past year, we are more than thankful for the splendid results and glad to note an increase all along the line.

We are glad to report five new Auxiliaries, two new Queen Esther Circles, two Home Guards, two Jewel Bands, a total of eleven new organizations. We have now passed our goal of one thousand Auxiliary members, by eighty-eight; making forty-nine Auxiliaries, with one thousand and eighty-eight members, and a total membership of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three. The dear Lord has been gracious unto us, as the hand of death has not been placed on any of our Conference or District Officers, but we extend our sympathy to our beloved President, Mrs. B. C. Wentworth, and family in their loss of an only son. Mrs. M. Libby Allen was present at our Convention at South Paris and gave us a several weeks' itinerary. Rev. Daniel Onstott gave the Anniversary address at Conference and Mrs. Bass was with us for District meetings and camp-meetings and gave valuable service and secured seventy-five new members. June 30th to July 1st our Deaconess Home was dedicated. Dr. Franklin Hamilton preached the dedicatory sermon in Congress Street, Sunday morning, and Dr. Matt. S. Hughes gave the address in the city hall to a large audience Sunday afternoon. On Sunday evening a mass meeting was held in Chestnut Street Church, with Mrs. Bass, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Hughes, and Mrs. Benson speakers.

Monday afternoon the Home was visited by more than three hundred people to witness the dedication exercises conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. B. C. Wentworth. Monday evening Dr. Hughes gave a lecture in Chestnut Street Church. The Fisk flag was unfurled, which gave a beautiful climax to the exercises and was a very impressive service. We now feel sure the Lord gave strength and courage for the purchase of this property at the crucial time. The work of the Italian Mission is going forward under the leadership of the Missionary, Rev. V. Castellucci, assisted by the Superintendent of our Home, Mrs. H. I. Benson.

A new department of work has been taken up, that of visiting the steamers as they come from Liverpool, this port being open only during the winter. Time will not permit me to tell more about this important work. Since starting our Deaconess Home our membership has nearly doubled twice, and funds as well. We are sorry not to be able to report all our Silver Offering paid, but we expect to come next year with rejoicing, bearing our Silver Offering flag with streamers flying. We believe the debt "must be paid," and with God's help "shall be paid," for we are glad to be counted worthy to be "Co-workers with God," for

"The day is long, and the day is hard,
We are tired of the march and of keeping guard,
Tired of the sense of a fight to be won,
Of days to live through and of work to be done,
Tired of ourselves and of being alone!
Yet all the while, did we only see,
We walk in the Lord's own company.
We fight, but 't is He who nerves our arm,
He turns the arrows that else might harm;
And out of the storm He brings the calm,
And the work we count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too!
And the days that seem long to live are His;
A bit of His bright eternities;
And close to our need
His helping is."

(MRS.) ANNA ONSTOTT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

The most encouraging features of the year's work were the enthusiastic District meetings in May and the completion of the Silver Offering at the close of the year. Miss Nellie Snider was in attendance at the seven District meetings. Her presence and timely suggestions along the different lines of work were very helpful. Her addresses captivated the audiences. They were given in such a way that they both entertained and instructed the people. Miss Snider will receive a most cordial welcome in Michigan Conference whenever we are fortunate enough to secure her services. One year ago at Lincoln I reported $3,148 paid on the Silver Offering, which left from the whole amount ($4,920) a balance of $1,772. When the General Secretary was giving flags to those who said they would pay in full during the next year I with fear and trembling asked for one. She, with some hesitation, answered by saying: "Will you try very hard?" We worked hard, and we paid the

amount. Twenty-five of the Auxiliaries have paid in full $2.50 per member. Eleven have overpaid. Eleven very nearly paid their full quota. Only two paid nothing. Four new Auxiliaries were organized during the year. Three by Miss Snider and one by Mrs. Lavender. Seven new Queen Esther Circles were reported to me. There were some Home Guard Bands. The number I did not ascertain. Services were held at all the camp-meetings in the Conference. Mrs. F. V. Chapman represented the Society at three of them with great acceptability.

Two bequests were paid to the General Treasurer. One from C. C. Lathrop, of Jackson, Mich., of $200. One from the Calkins Estate, Lansing. The exact amount I did not learn. I wish in some way the Conference Secretaries could be made acquainted with all bequests to the National Society and in some the Conference be credited with the same. Another pleasing thing I have to report is, one of the elect women of our Conference, who studies to do good, has provided in her will a perpetual scholarship in Thayer Home. All the different interests are watched over, I believe, with zealous care. The outlook for Michigan Conference, Woman's Home Missionary Society, is encouraging. We have two thousand loyal women who accept the great commission from the great Teacher, "to do good," and are trying to follow His example in a life of service. MRS. LEVI MASTERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA.

Minnesota feels grateful to Almighty God for the way in which we have been led, helped, and prospered in the Home Missionary Work the past year.

It has long been the prayer of the Minnesota Conference that we might have a Deaconess Home. That prayer has been answered, that dream has been realized. We opened our Deaconess Home last June. It is situated in St. Paul. There are at present four deaconesses, Miss Dorothea Martin, our genial superintendent; Miss Clara Midcalf, our Conference deaconess; Miss Hannah Nelson, our Swedish deaconess; Miss Ingrid Pearson, who comes to us for the Bethel work. The Home is comfortably furnished by the Churches, Auxiliaries, Circles, Home Guards, and, I dare say, some Jewels have added to its beauty, the cost being $600. Cash for support of the Home since June, $700. Miss Nelson takes it as part of her work to care for the immigrants going through our city to the still further West.

Minnesota Conference has three missionaries, Mrs. L. G. Harris, at Tucson; Miss Josephine Edwards, at Kent Industrial Home; Miss Edna M. Reilly, at Harwood Home.

One of our Queen Esther girls has gone to Washington to take the training for a kindergarten deaconess. Truly Minnesota can not count her blessings. And we come to this Convention pledged to pay up our Silver Offering indebtedness.

Our Conference responded most generously to the call from Boaz in its hour of need.

We have been trying to get our Districts in running order. Have had two District meetings the past year, and feel that the work is slowly being advanced.

Have had no organizers with us, but our Conference Deaconess, Miss Clara Midcalf, has done most excellent service. Among the many other things she has organized eight Queen Esther Circles with a mem-

bership of seventy-eight. She is a power for good in many ways. Miss Carrie Barge was with us for a few days and spoke at one of our District meetings. She was most enthusiastically received. We hope to have her with us next year.

We regret the removal from our Conference of our ardent Tithing Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Fitz, who has gone to California. Our loss is their gain. We will endeavor to keep up the work in the Montana Mission.

MRS. G. F. JENNINGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MONTANA.

Our Conference has sent $91 Silver Offering, such being our full apportionment. We will not be able to send any more money before the Annual Meeting. Am sorry we will not be able to have a representative at the meeting. We feel greatly encouraged in our work here. The people are getting interested and our meetings are well attended. We have n't missed a monthly meeting in over a year. We have organized a Mothers' Jewels band and have nearly forty members, with a good many subscribers to the children's paper. We shall try to do better this coming year than we have done in the past. With God's help we can.

MRS. M. E. CHURCH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEBRASKA.

This has been the most prosperous and successful year in our history. There has been a remarkable advance in the Young People's Work. We now have enough Queen Esther Circles to entitle us to a Young People's delegate. Our apportionment has been met and our Silver Offering paid in full—and the beautiful silk flag is ours. The raising of the Silver Offering has been of great benefit to us, for it has proved to us that we can do anything if we have enough determination. We have increased our pledges for next year and we expect to pay every dollar.

MRS. LESLIE STEVENS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK.

The women of Newark Conference render unto our God an enthusiastic pæan of thanksgiving over the accomplishment of great tasks that the past year brought to their hands to do. The simple fact that the tasks were hard brought out the latent efforts of many of our women who, enlisting themselves anew in the work of the Society, were active factors in bringing about very satisfactory results.

Our apportionment of the Silver Offering was $2.50 a member, and as we had a membership at that time of 1,819 it meant the raising of a considerable sum of money wherewith to forge our link in the splendid Silver Offering chain; but we rejoice that it has been accomplished. Perhaps there are other links just as bright, but ours has been burnished and polished with the prayers and personal sacrifices of as loyal a band of women as were ever enrolled as workers in the Master's vineyard. Nay, so enthusiastic have they been in the accomplishment of this

task that they have paid in excess of our apportionment $632.09, making a grand total of $5,179.59.

Enthusiasm has been the keynote for the year. Our pledge toward the support of the Society's beneficiaries was $1,500. We paid $188.42, in addition to which our contribution to the general fund was $2,350. Our contributions toward our two Deaconess Homes located within the bounds of our Conference we were pleased to report at our last Conference Anniversary amounted (including supplies) to $5,493. Our women were also indefatigable in their supply work, distributing cash and new garments to the valuation of $1,200, in addition to which there were sent out any number of garments, which, because they were not quite new, no valuation was given.

The year past was our "Banner Year" for Mite Boxes.

Young people, under the efficient leadership of Miss Effa Z. Ham, still continue to do very splendid work and are being thoroughly educated along right lines.

It has been a busy year for us from every point of view. Our meetings, whether they be Auxiliary, District, or Conference, are well attended and "ring true" in interest and enthusiasm, which altogether has brought about that which can only be expressed in the time-worn and perhaps cant phrase, "the best year we have ever had;" but one with which we hope the Corresponding Secretary of the Newark Conference may always be able to use in closing her report, for it is only another way of spelling success.

MRS. HEDLEY R. WOODWARD.

NEW ENGLAND.

Nineteen years ago New England Conference entertained the meeting of the General Board of Managers in Tremont Street Church, Boston, Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes, the first President, presiding. It was at that meeting that the East Boston Immigrant Home was accepted and Mrs. A. C. Clark was introduced to the Convention by Mrs. Hayes as its Superintendent. Those were the days of small things for the Home in its rented quarters, but our women prayed as they worked, the faithful Superintendent sacrificed and labored, and at length a gift of $5,000 made possible the purchase of the present property. Later came recognition from immigrant officials and Mrs. Clark's services are now frequently in requisition by them. The last year has been no exception to the varied calls for helpful service in behalf of the strangers in a strange land, and at no time has the response been withheld. The "Annex" at Charlestown has proved valuable, both to the workers and to the new arrivals who remain for a night or two only. The little house, with its twelve beds, has sometimes had sixteen inmates at one time. During the year there have been 471 lodgings provided and 1,573 meals served there. Of the 54,967 immigrants arriving at the port of Boston during the year ending June 30, 1907, 13,703 could neither read nor write.

The earnest and devoted founder of the Medical Mission, Prof. Harriette J. Cooke, who in 1894 began the work in two small rooms, has continued as its Superintendent, unremitting in labor and prayer until the present year. In 1895 the work was adopted by the New England Conference. Mrs. Ada T. Wells is now the able Superintendent. During the past year 11,000 patients were treated, there were 390 operations and 189 births. The nurses made 3,315 calls, and the doctors 1,998. There are two internes and fifteen doctors on the staff. Miss Goodwin

continues as head nurse and four nurses are in training. The work is now known as the Hull Street Settlement, including as it does the industrial and club work also. The sewing classes, mothers' meetings, stamp saving in the House and in a nearby factory, musical clubs, boys' clubs, and a nurses' club of little girls, have been successfully carried during the past year. The entire work is in a most prosperous condition.

The total receipts of the Conference for the year have been $7,324. Of this sum $536 was Silver Offering. Under the leadership of our energetic Temperance Secretary, Mrs. F. T. Pomeroy, thirty-four Auxiliary Secretaries have been appointed.

One well-loved member of our Conference Board, Mrs. John Galbraith, wife of the Presiding Elder of Boston District, has passed on to the Homeland. Her character was one of great strength and sweetness. For several years she held the office of Recording Secretary. Through her long illness her interest in the work never failed. We look forward to stronger and better service with the Father's blessing in the coming days. (MRS.) SARAH WYMAN FLOYD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

The year has been a successful one in the New England Southern Conference. Most of the pledges have been met and a few overpaid.

A goodly number of text-books, booklets, pamphlets, and leaflets have been sold. One hundred and seventy-five Annual Reports and a large amount of free literature has been distributed. We believe this to be one of the most effective ways of promoting growth and a general knowledge of the work.

We have been favored by having as our speaker at the last Annual Meeting Mrs. Annie O. Clark, and our last Annual Conference Anniversary address was given by Dr. Charles M. Melden, of Wilbraham, Mass. In February, Miss Josephine Corbin visited the Norwich District and spoke at Hazardsville, Noank, Gales Ferry, and New London, Conn. Her stirring addresses resulted in increased membership, and an added interest in the Silver Offering.

The Conference President, Mrs. Eben Turrell, has given helpful service, presenting the work at the Annual Meeting of the New Bedford District, Fairhaven, Middleboro, East Weymouth, and Attleboro, Mass.

Home Missionary services have been held at the camp grounds, at Willimantic, Conn. Miss Mary A. Mahon, of Buffalo, N. Y., General Organizer, was the speaker. The three districts are well organized and an Annual Meeting has been held on each district.

A gift of $500 has been received during the year and appropriated, at the request of the donor, as follows: $300 to name two rooms, and $100 for building fund at Boaz, Ala., and $100 for Honolulu.

The total amount of new supplies (and freight) sent to the Homes and schools and frontier has been $366.65. Also included in this report were 1,819 partly worn garments and 143 books.

The interest in the Silver Offering has not abated, and we have paid up to the present time $1,579.94, our apportionment being $2,135. We hope to complete the full amount.

Three hundred and twenty-six copies of *Woman's Home Missions* and three hundred and seventy-four copies of *Children's Home Missions* are subscribed for.

While the results of the past year's work are gratifying, we hope to attain to larger service in the future. This can be accomplished by deeper responsibility and increased activity in Auxiliary, District, and Conference Work. MRS. ALBERT W. ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The year just past has seen some improvement in the work of our Society in New Hampshire. While the Auxiliary membership is less than the previous year, we note with pleasure a gain in the Young People's organizations, not only in membership, but in amount of money raised. The work of the Society has moved steadily along and interest in different lines increased.

District meetings and anniversaries have been a source of help and inspiration. Rev. W. A. Frye, Trenton, N. J., was with us at the Conference Anniversary and Mrs. N. W. Bass spoke for us at our camp-meetings and Conference Annual Meeting.

A good supply of literature has been displayed and circulated. The Supply Secretary, Mrs. C. N. Whittier, has rendered faithful service, resulting in nearly double the amount of cash supplies. Our pledges have been more than met and our apportionment of the Silver Offering so much reduced that we look hopefully toward its completion without lessening our regular pledges.

The outlook is for a prosperous year. Mrs. Bass has been with us for a month of work in the Conference. This means new organizations and a new supply of enthusiasm, courage, and inspiration; which coming so early in the year we hope and expect will spur us on to greater efforts crowned with success. MRS. E. B. SAVAGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY.

With the full apportionment of $3,750 for the Silver Anniversary Offering entirely met, all pledges made at the last Annual Meeting more than fully met, a larger membership in Auxiliaries, and especially in "Queen Esther" Circles, our confidence is in a very encouraging condition, and the joy bells are ringing merrily in the hearts of the members of our Conference Board. Our Secretary of Supplies reports, "Never has our Conference sent so many generous and helpful barrels and boxes to our pastors on the frontier."

We believe our women are reading the *Woman's Home Missions* and the literature of our Society as never before.

Bancroft Rest Home at Ocean Grove, the only Home of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Conference, has added a beautiful and roomy sun-parlor and installed a fine new hot-water heating plant, which all gives much pleasure and comfort to our worn and tired workers while resting in this hospitable home by the sea, for truly it is a home in every sense of the word.

The Conference Anniversary days have all added zeal and been educational in their make-up.

The Auxiliary women of this Conference have taken as their motto for the coming year the sentiment so fittingly expressed by Maltbie D. Babcock:

"Our great business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves."

MRS. WESLEY B. STOUT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

For some time the blessing of health has been withheld from some of our Conference workers, but we consider ourselves nevertheless the banner Conference in point of privilege. For from her invalid chair Mrs. Campbell, our Corresponding Secretary, has been a blessing to us by her prayers and constant interest; and our dear President, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, though weak in body, is more help and inspiration to the work, more useful with her far-seeing eye, her busy pen, and her sympathetic touch than another could be with the finest equipment of health.

Our Executive meetings are held each month at the home of our President, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park. Her daughter, Miss Edith Park, is our Recording Secretary, and her mother, our beloved National President, is often with us to help in our deliberations. Three generations of such women are enough to give us great courage and determination.

Then Miss Alma Matthews, our faithful watcher at the gates, is one of us, and the Immigrant Home has our hearty sympathy and prayers, and all the help that we can give.

Mrs. Elbridge M. Foster, who carries the girls of the Watts de Peyster Home on her heart, is also with us. We share her burdens and rejoice with her in the new hospital which this year has seen completed, and in the blessed work which is being done in the Home. We heartily commend it to you.

We have more than met our pledges, our Silver Offering is completed, our literature is being read, and our study courses are being used.

Miss Corbin and Miss Mahon have been going about among us to good purpose, and new Auxiliaries are being added to our number.

Our Queen Esther Circles and Home Guards are doing good work. Our Conference Anniversary, with Dr. Frye to speak, was a blessing to all.

We have no thought of anything but progress and victory, "for the love of Christ and in His Name."

MRS. PHILIP M. WATTERS, *Corresponding Secretary Pro tem.*

NEW YORK EAST.

"Time, by moments steals away,
First the hour and then the day;
Small the daily loss appears,
Yet it soon amounts to years;
Thus another year is flown,
And is now no more our own."

The year with its many opportunities has passed beyond recall. We rejoice greatly in what has been accomplished by the loyal members of the New York East Conference. The *twenty-second* year may well be said to be the best in its history, more money having been given than in any previous year. Under the very efficient leadership of the President, Mrs. John A. Secor, who is serving the thirteenth year, the interest in

Home Missionary work has steadily increased. Large and enthusiastic meetings were held in the four Districts, as well as a Conference Meeting in each District.

The Conference Anniversary address was delivered by the Rev. Charles Edward Locke, D. D., of Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn. His presentation of the work was strong and forceful and was well received by the large congregation. At the same service Miss Jessie Arbuckle, Superintendent of the New Haven Deaconess Home, represented the Deaconess work of the Conference.

During the month of August, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Bureau Secretary for Porto Rico, presented the General Work at the Jamesport camp-meeting, and at the same service Miss E. M. Chadwick, Conference Secretary of Young People's Work presented Deaconess Work and made a strong plea for the consecration of young women to the work.

The pledge made at Lincoln, Nebraska, to pay the balance of the Silver Offering, seemed at the beginning of the year to be the most formidable task to be accomplished. But with a strong determination to fulfill the pledge and a purpose never to surrender the Flag, a thorough canvass of Auxiliaries and Circles was made, resulting in ten Auxiliaries and one Circle completing their apportionment.

When all reports were in there was found to be a surplus of $89.05. We do rejoice that we have been able to have our share of lifting the great debt from our blessed Society. Prophecies were made that it would not be possible to meet the pledges for the support of the work on account of the Silver Offering. But when the Treasurer's books were closed it was found that nearly one thousand dollars more was paid than pledged.

During the month of February the Conference was greatly favored with the presence and helpful ministries of Mrs. Mary A. Lavender, General Organizer. As a result of her work, six new Auxiliaries, one Quen Esther Circle, and one Home Guards band were added to our Conference organization. Quite recently an Auxiliary was organized at the Swedish Immanuel Church, Brooklyn; this also was the outgrowth of Mrs. Lavender's work.

The department of Temperance has been taken up, with Mrs. Sarah Tobia as Secretary. The work has been organized in seven Auxiliaries.

There has been increasing interest shown in the work of Reading Circles, eleven having been formed.

The Young People are doing splendid work, and paid into the treasury more than $700 last year. Student Aid and the support of our Deaconess Homes seems to interest them most.

The Brooklyn Deaconess Home is most happy in the return of their Superintendent, Miss Priscilla Foster, after a serious illness. This Home is strengthened by the addition of three students. The work of the training-school starts most promisingly.

The Dwight Blakeslee Home of New Haven has had a prosperous year. The students of this Home have the rare privilege of taking a part of their course at Yale.

At the last Conference Meeting it was voted to make quite a substantial advance for the support of the work this year. With grateful hearts for the blessings of the past we hopefully take up the work of another year for the love of Christ and in His name.

(MRS.) LILLIAN LEONARD SLACK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

The work in our Conference has grown steadily and we feel much encouraged. The year just closed has been the most successful in the history of the organization. We have a more thorough organization of the different departments of the Conference work; a better knowledge of the working methods and a deeper interest and consecration on the part of the membership. The Young People's Work is becoming an interesting feature in our Conference Society. Also, the Temperance department is awaking great interest and we feel very much encouraged, because of the great temperence wave that is spreading over our country. The treasury has reached its highest mark. We have nine new Auxiliaries, two new Queen Esthers, two new Mothers' Jewels, with a membership of more than four hundred. The District Meetings have been very successful. Our Annual Convention which was held the last of August was a splendid success. Our Conference Organizer is now in the field doing a good work; we trust that the work of this organization may yet be presented on every charge of the different Districts. We have not raised all we wanted for Silver Offering, but we hope that we may be able to do more this year. Having been confined to my room for more than two weeks, hence I am too weak to try to make a full report. Our Student Aid money is increased to $100 instead of $80. Also dues increased. We hope to do more the incoming year for the cause of missions in our home land.

MRS. C. L. BULLOCK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH DAKOTA.

"Thy good is prophecy
Of better still to be."

We feel that this has been a good year in the North Dakota Conference. God has blessed our efforts, but greater still would have been our blessings had our faith been stronger and we been willing to attempt greater things.

All the departments of the work have been efficiently manned, and we shall try to make the coming year one of greater victories.

Our Annual Conference Convention, held at Thompson, was an inspiration to those present. We had interesting addresses by Dr. Moore, pastor of First M. E. Church, Grand Forks; Rev. M. P. Burns, Presiding Elder of Grand Forks District; and Prof. Robinson, President of Wesley College. One method in which the work was presented was an oratorical contest at one of the evening sessions, in which five ladies, each representing one of the important branches of our work, participated. It proved both interesting and instructive. At this time we were compelled to accept the resignation of our faithful Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Newlove, who has fulfilled the duties of that office almost ever since our Conference was organized and who has made our work here very largely what it is to-day. But although we very much regret that she feels unable to attend to the duties of the office longer, she will yet be with us to encourage and cheer. We had long felt the need of a Conference Organizer and Mrs. F. W. Heidel, of Valley City, was elected to fill that office. With her interest in the work and attractive personality she will render effectual service.

Mrs. Della C. Geggie was able, unexpectedly, to spend a week in our Conference recently, for which we were very grateful. During that time she secured nine new Auxiliary members, one Circle member, organized a Mothers' Jewels band of eighteen members, and secured ten subscribers for *Children's Home Missions.*

We also expect to have Mrs. Woodcock, another of our National Organizers, with us for a month in the fall.

We are very happy now that our pledge to the Silver Offering has been met in full. Most of our pledges this past year have been overpaid and we have been richly blessed in the giving. The amounts paid into the various funds have been larger than ever before.

With a larger membership and greater faith in God, we expect to do greater things for Him in this, His work.

MRS. C. L. WALLACE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH INDIANA.

In presenting this, my first report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of North Indiana Conference, I feel that I must say that doubtless all has not been accomplished during the year that might have been done under the efficient leadership of Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, who labored so untiringly and with such perfect knowledge of the work and its needs for so many years. But she is called to the larger and more important work of the Florida Bureau. Her mantle fell very heavily upon me, but I have tried to do the work as promptly and faithfully as I knew and understood the duties which devolved upon me.

Our Conference is well organized in each of our six districts, with all of the officers earnest and consecrated women, who greatly desire to see the work advance in all departments. Each district held its annual meeting in the summer, and it was my privilege to attend each one of these meetings. The work for the coming year is already well planned, each district voting an increase of ten per cent for the work. As a Conference, we have not paid all of our Silver Offering yet, but hope that the close of another year will find us *paid in full.*

During the year three Auxiliaries, four Circles, and one band of Home Guards were organized. We have a slight increase in the subscription to the *Woman's Home Missions,* as well as in *Children's Home Missions.* Our faithful Mite Box Secretary reports $1,210, which is quite an advance over last year. Our efficient Literature Secretary, Miss Mary Mohler, did splendid work in this department for several years, but she has recently passed to the Home beyond, so we can not give a good report of that line of our work. Each one of our Department Secretaries is doing good work. We are trying to emphasize the importance of interesting our young people in missions. We have six hundred and thirty-six young people at work and six hundred and seventeen Jewels to report. We feel that the Bluffton Circle deserves special mention, as it is paying the entire scholarship of one of our girls at Washington, who is taking the Nurse Deaconess training.

Miss Josephine Corbin and Miss Mary Mahon spent a few weeks in our Conference last fall, giving us splendid and helpful addresses, effecting some organizations, and creating new interest in each Auxiliary visited. We will most gladly welcome them if they come again.

Mrs. M. A. Lavender gave us an interesting and instructive address at our Conference Anniversary meeting, to which the large audience gave careful attention.

We are pleased at the sale the Treasurer's book is having and wish it might be placed in the hands of each Auxiliary Treasurer.

Many blessings have been bestowed upon us this year, for which we are grateful. We enter upon the new year with strong faith that our work will advance along all lines, and praying that the choicest blessings of our dear Heavenly Father may rest upon us all, giving us health and strength and a greater desire to work for Him, so that the coming year may indeed be our best year, and through our efforts the work of Home Missions be greatly advanced.

MRS. A. B. CLINE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

The years come and go, seemingly with ever increasing speed, and year after year we gather ourselves together in Conferences, Conventions, and Annual Meetings, to report the progress of our work, to tell what we have done in the past, what we hope to do in the future, and to consult together concerning the best methods of work. Naturally, we like to boast of achievements and to make our statistical reports in as large figures as possible. But the character of the work of our missionary societies is such that figures can not tell it all, and methinks that only when the results as written by the recording angel in the Lamb's Book of Life are revealed to us shall we begin to comprehend what the Woman's Missionary Societies have meant to this sin-cursed world and what mighty factors they have been in helping to bring about the answer to the prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

Naturally we ask, Is the Northern Minnesota Conference of our Woman's Home Missionary Society doing its just proportion of the work which the self-sacrificing, patriotic, Christian women of America are trying to do? We may not be able to answer that question correctly, but we know we are not only doing well, but are doing better each year. Our Auxiliaries are becoming more stable in character, owing to the influence of the literature and the thorough work of our organizers. We have thirty-eight Auxiliaries, with a membership of about nine hundred; twenty Queen Esther Circles, with a membership of 440, besides several bands of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels. We have 250 subscribers to our paper, and 325 to the children's paper.

We pay the salary of a deaconess at work in our Conference, also one hundred dollars toward the salary of an Indian preacher. We have sent $446 worth of new clothing and fur coats to the preachers in the cold parts of our Conference, besides several hundreds of second-hand garments.

We have had Mrs. Bass, Miss Barge, Mrs. Geggie, and Mrs. Woodcock with us during the past year, and from the abundance of good seed sown surely some will spring up and bear fruit.

"Freely from Him you have received;
Freely, in love, to others give;
Then will your doctrines be believed
And, by your efforts, sinners live."

MRS. S. J. WEEKS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Our work has seemed more real and productive of good during the past year because of our own little Italian Mission in Utica, N. Y. The chairman of the local board and the President of our Conference have put untiring effort into the work, and with Miss Hattie E. Davis, of Aldrich Deaconess Home, as our superintendent, and Miss Simmons as kindergartener, we are looking for a successful year. Our day school, sewing class, and boys' club are already organized, and the Sunday-school, with the bright little Italian girls and boys singing "Jesus Loves Me" and Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam," are an inspiration to us, and we feel assured they will soon know the real meaning of the name of Jesus and learn to love and serve Him. The pastors of our Conference have united in establishing a Church for the Italians, and with our united efforts as Christian workers we hope to win many souls for the Master.

Dr. C. W. Gallagher, of Washington, D. C., represented our work at our Annual Conference Anniversary. Our Italian pastor offered prayer. Rev. John Tag, our pastor to the St. Regis Indians, sang a hymn in their language. With the beautiful tribute given our Home Missionary Society by Dr. Gallagher, and the intense interest shown by him for our Deaconess Work, this union of workers was truly inspiring.

Mrs. Hilda Nasmyth came to us for our camp-meeting anniversaries at Thousand Island Park, giving us her usual enthusiasm and helpfulness. Mrs. Libby Allen gave us helpful service in a short itinerary, winning love and esteem for herself and our work.

The Auxiliary at Thousand Island Park has affiliated with us as a Conference, and we welcome them as Home Missionary workers.

Our District Meetings were an inspiration. Dr. Frederick H. Wright, of New York, gave a forceful address at the Utica District Meeting on "The Italian As I Know Him." The pastors and local workers gave helpful service on the other districts.

Our Conference pledges were paid in full. We have raised more than half of our Silver Offering and are hoping and praying the full amount will be met this year. Our Circles, Home Guards, and Jewels are gradually feeling a responsibility in helping carry on our work and, with the knowledge gained through our *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions*, together with our Reading Course, we are pressing forward to maintain and increase the knowledge and usefulness of our women in the work of our Society. Pray for us.

MRS. A. C. DANFORTH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA.

The past year has been one of the best in the history of the North Nebraska Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. A steady gain in interest, a growing zeal for the cause, an earnest desire to conduct the work intelligently and businesslike are some of the encouraging signs noted. We are also grateful to record that most of our efforts made during the year to extend and develop plans for the work have been eminently successful.

Our Auxiliary membership shows a small increase over last year. Our women are realizing as never before the importance of organizing and instructing our young people and children for Home Missions, hence a new impetus has come to our Young People's Work and many young

women and children have joined our ranks; for this we are most thankful, still our ideal—an Auxiliary, with its complement of young people's societies, in every Church in the Conference—has not been reached; for this we continue to work and pray.

Our Conference pledges are all paid in full. Much of our financial success is due our very efficient Treasurer, Mrs. E. T. George, who has cared for the Treasurer's duties of our Conference for the past seven years.

We have increased our subscription list to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions;* 150 Annual Reports were put out, and over two thousand leaflets distributed. Several Reading Circles have been organized and much interest manifested in our Study Course.

Three years ago we were apportioned $1,395 for the Silver Offering; up to the present time we have paid $1,063.50, leaving an unpaid balance of $331.50, which, we trust, will be paid this year.

Three of our districts held helpful meetings; Miss Nellie Snider was in attendance at each of these meetings, and by her untiring zeal awakened much interest and made many friends for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Our Annual Convention, held at Norfolk, was of profit to all in attendance. The Conference Anniversary address, by Mrs. Mable Hilbish, was eloquent and inspiring. Mrs. Hilbish also visited the Grand Island Auxiliaries, giving new life to the work and encouragement to the workers.

In November, 1906, Miss Carrie Barge was with us for ten days. As a result of her labors, she reported five new organizations, four Queen Esther Circles, and one Auxiliary. She secured fifty-nine new members and eight subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions.*

Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock labored in our Conference one week in May. She organized two Home Guard Bands and strengthened several Auxiliaries.

Our Auxiliaries and young people are very much interested in Miss Cora. Stephens, our Deaconess student at Fisk Hall. She will finish her course this year.

Our presiding elders and pastors are loyal to our cause and cordial to our workers, a fact that gives us much confidence.

Surely God is with us, and in His name we press forward, praying and laboring for greater results in the future.

MRS. J. P. YOST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH OHIO.

In bringing the report of our Woman's Home Missionary Society for another year, we feel that it can not be told in a few words. Our work is like a beautiful tapestry—composed of many threads and colors, and if each were separate little would be seen of the finished pattern, but when viewed as a whole, with all the light and shades, the work is a marvel. So in this work "for the love of Christ and in His name" it is the little things as well as the great woven together, the cup of cold water standing beside a princely gift, that makes the pattern complete.

Some progress has been made this year, several new Auxiliaries being organized.

The Secretary presented the work of the Society before two of our Ministerial Conferences and was most cordially received. At one of these

Conferences an Auxiliary was organized. At ten different places public addresses have been given; at several of these it was the first time the work had ever been presented.

While Auxiliaries were not secured in as many of these places as we had hoped, the seed time must precede the harvest, and an interest has been aroused that will bear fruit. Our women have labored faithfully during the year. All pledges made at Lincoln were honored at our Convention following, and have been overpaid in some instances.

We were delighted to have with us at the Conference Anniversary Miss Carrie Barge, who spoke to an appreciative audience, and our offering was more than doubled over last year.

A number of new members were secured in different Auxiliaries represented as a direct result, besides awakening in many the desire to improve opportunities as they come along.

The West Side Cottage of the Deaconess Home is in need of new quarters soon, as the lease on the present building expires in May.

It is difficult to rent suitable property for this purpose, so we must buy and build or close the doors, and it is the only work of this kind done on the west side of the river, with a population of one hundred and fifty thousand.

Mrs. A. D. Knapp, for nine years our efficient Conference Secretary, went to her reward in July, after months of suffering. We miss the wise counsel of a true friend.

While we rejoice in past attainments, like Paul, we "reach forth unto the things that are before and press toward the mark of our high calling."

MRS. M. W. REECE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

Our Conference organization covers a period of fifteen years. It was really pioneer work. The term "Foreign Missions" had been made familiar by almost three-quarters of a century of usage by the Parent Board, and later our women had special training by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Even the Parent Society had not used the name of "Home Missions" or even "Home and Foreign Missions" in any general way. Our pastors had not been trained to think of Home Missions, only under the familiar title of "Church Extension" and "Freedmen's Aid," etc. This made our task unusually difficult. So many of our women believed the "Woman's Home Missionary Society" was only another name for "Ladies' Aid Society" and was all for local work.

Again and again our funds, from what seemed to be well organized societies, would be turned to pay a local debt, or repairs on church or parsonage.

Our first seven years resulted in the development of a few well trained Auxiliaries making pledges, which we first assumed in our meeting of General Board of Managers in 1900, amounting to only $50. The last two years our Conference has paid, in Silver Offering and pledges for special work, $2,400 per year. Our Silver Offering met and out of the way, it is believed with our splendid growth we can easily raise our pledge for next year to $2,000.

We are to gain immensely by the new organization of the Benevolent Boards. The phrase "Foreign Missions" is as familiar in this country as the English alphabet, but nine-tenths of the pastors and laymen, men

and women, have given no thought or study to "Home Missions." We now have a Home Missionary Board; every pastor will be furnished, fifty-two weeks in the year, with facts and literature, and will be compelled to preach on Home Missions, and all our people will become familiar with the very kind of work that has burdened some of our women for the last twenty-five years. I am very sure we have reached a period for the most rapid development our Society has yet known.

This is shown in my own Conference during the last year. Last November, Mrs. Bass made an itinerary of two weeks through a part of our Conference; she gave Thank-offering addresses, and organized in other charges five new societies, thus giving information and valuable help in the work. Since the first of May the Conference Corresponding Secretary attended the five District Meetings, visited several Auxiliaries needing special work, and organized new societies. Some of our pastors' wives have become interested and organized one or more in their charge.

Others are asking for help, who need special inspiration and awakening of personal touch of some one who is familiar with the work.

I believe, had we the money to meet this demand, and keep before our women in Methodism fresh information and personal touch of some one perfectly familiar with our work, our membership would be doubled all over the land.

If we expect our Auxiliaries to accomplish that which we hope for next year, they must be equipped with tools to do the work.

We find this help in our literature. I sent out circular letters last year urging each Auxiliary to take the Reading Course, get new subscribers to our valuable paper, and the necessity of more literature; a number of our members are taking the Reading Course.

We have had an awakening in mite-boxes, as well as along all lines of work. Our Conference Meeting convened at Battle Ground, the seat of our camp-meeting, July 31st and August 1st, with a larger number of delegates and greater results than any previous year. Dr. Edwin H. Hughes, our beloved president of DePauw University, gave the address; with his usual spirit and eloquence he held the large audience in profound interest for an hour. Dr. W. A. Frye gave the anniversary address at the Annual Conference, held in Greencastle, September 5th.

We are working to make a greater advance in every line of work this year. Paul will sow, Apollos water, but God will give the increase.

MRS. D. M. WOOD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST IOWA.

Notwithstanding the many discouraging conditions which have depressed our work, by the blessing of God upon our loyal workers of the Conference and the inspiring services of Mrs. Della C. Geggie, General Organizer, from April 8th to June 2d inclusive, we have more members than last year. Many children have been enlisted and improved methods of work adopted.

Each of the five District Associations have reported most encouraging conventions. The State Association Meeting was in connection with one of these. Mrs. Geggie was most helpful in each of these.

We are much indebted to the cordial helpfulness of our pastors and their attendance upon our public meetings.

Most of the following Auxiliaries have more subscribers to our paper than members: Ida Grove, Corwith (minus one), Hubbard, twice as many;

Moville, seven members, twelve subscribers; West Ft. Dodge, sixteen members, twenty-two subscribers.

Mrs. Geggie, during her itinerary, secured 150 members, organizing or reviving fourteen Circles. Several young people at Belmond promised to organize a Young People's Home Missionary Society this fall. She also organized or reorganized four Auxiliaries, securing in all 147 members; organized five Home Guard Bands—thirty-four members; secured ninety-seven Mothers' Jewels; ten subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions* and one hundred for *Children's Home Missions;* also secured pledges for $107.56 in Silver Offerings, a pledge for Boaz, and a $50 pledge by a Queen Esther Circle for Ritter Home.

Praise the Lord for this and other such efficient women, who count it not sacrifice to serve Him in this work!

More money is secured in our Conference by Thank-offering services each year, and the "Day of Prayer" is more generally observed.

Our District Secretaries for Temperance, also our ladies, are taking hold well in this work, but the Conference Temperance Secretary failed to respond.

Illness in the home of our Conference Secretary for Systematic Beneficence handicapped her work. The District Secretaries in this line did well; 153 tithers were reported by the Fort Dodge and Sioux City District Corresponding Secretaries. No report from the other three in this line.

Fifty-four readers of the Home Missionary Reading Course were reported from Ida Grove and Sioux City Districts. Nothing in this department from the other three districts.

The Conference Secretary of Literature distributed a quantity of literature to our five District Literature Secretaries, but failed to count pages. No report from these.

Our Shesler Deaconess Home has eight Deaconesses. One is Conference Evangelist, one travelers' aid. The work in Wall Street Mission still prospers nicely. One Deaconess works there. The work of one is in the "Helping Hand Mission" for city work.

We count ourselves most fortunate in having such efficient and devoted workers and such a capable and sweet-spirited superintendent as Miss Morton has proven to be.

Through the influence of Mrs. Col. Springer, who organized our Conference Society and extolled the benefits attainable for workers at the annual meeting of the Board of Managers, I went to the one at Indianapolis, Oct. 31 to Nov. 7, 1889, Mrs. Springer graciously aiding me to acquaintance with the ladies. I have attended each one since—seventeen in succession—becoming more interested and benefited as the years passed.

Ill-health of husband and myself made it necessary for another to take the office of Conference Corresponding Secretary. Miss Minnie Hickman, of Sioux City, was elected. That she be as much blessed in this work as I have been, is my prayer. It will continue to be my greatest pleasure to aid as circumstances permit.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

It is with a glad heart that I submit to you my annual report for the Northwest Kansas Conference. I told you a year ago that we were expecting victory for the Woman's Home Missionary cause in our Conference in 1907. We have not been disappointed; our faith has reached

out after great things, and the dear Lord has abundantly blessed the workers and caused them to see that their labor is not in vain in the Lord. When our Conference Deaconess, Miss Addie E. Benedict, came to us in August, 1906, we were fearful that she could not stand the work, for we realized that the harvest was great and the laborers few; but our Heavenly Father has greatly blessed her efforts and given her strength for each day according to the burdens that have been hers. She is very efficient in all lines of deaconess work, and is an inspiration to the people wherever her work calls her; she fills the pulpit very satisfactorily, and is very successful as an organizer. She has organized in all—Home Guards, Queen Esther Circles, and Auxiliaries—eighteen; during the winter months she was very helpful to the pastors in evangelistic work. Her success adds much to my responsibility, and from my desk I am doing all I can to strengthen the weak, trusting that out of each society we may have strong and valiant soldiers for the Master's service; I wish that many of our workers might be with you in the great annual gathering in Boston and receive the inspiration that can only come from meeting with God's workers.

Our Conference will pledge one-half mile of pennies for the good of Home Missions and will raise all we can for the different institutions that are very dear to our hearts. Several of our Auxiliaries have raised their Silver Offering in full, and I trust that the report may come that the two hundred thousand dollars has all been raised. Our Conference has paid $2.50 in full for the number of members that we had in our Conference when the plan of Silver Offering was decided upon. We are now adding to our membership in the Conference almost daily, and if all are faithful to their vows, our report will be much better next year than now. We have six deaconesses in training from our Conference—three from Ellsworth District, two from Salma, and one from Morton. Praise the Lord for the young women who are willing to sacrifice large salaries and give their time and energy for the promulgation of the Gospel of Christ, and all they ask of us in return is their board and clothes. God grant that, when health fails or age creeps upon them, we may have comfortable homes for them, and that they may be honored in old age with plenty!

With the many new Auxiliaries in our Conference, we trust that missionary zeal may be kindled into a mighty flame, that shall spread all over Northwest Kansas. May the Lord graciously bless the Woman's Home Missionary Society!

MRS. ISAIAH MCDOWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO.

Near the beginning of the year we have our Lancaster and Coolville camp-meetings. Mrs. Anna Elder, superintendent of Boaz Home, delivered the address in behalf of our work at both places. She was greatly appreciated, and made enthusiastic and interested the people in her work. Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary for Young People's Work, was with us at our Annual Convention and also at the Ohio Annual Conference, and delivered two very fine addresses.

At five of our District Meetings we were highly favored by having with us Mrs. D. L. Williams. It is a pleasure to report the Silver Offering all paid, and all other pledges for the year. We have done some additional work, sending supplies and money to Boaz Home, taking col-

lections for the Rehabilitation Fund, and helping to light Ritter Home. We have one district which makes, on an average, one hundred yards of carpet each year for the Homes. Our Deaconess Home is in excellent condition, and the work of the deaconesses is appreciated more and more each year.

We want to do better work this year, and pray that we may be able to interest more women than ever before.

MRS. E. W. SEEDS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OREGON.

We are at the close of the most successful year of our history. This seems an omen of great promise, when we recall the fact that this is the twenty-first anniversary of our Conference Society. From a humble beginning of forty-one members, we have grown to a membership of 706. Including our young people and children, a total membership of 950. The report of the Conference Treasurer for the first year showed receipts of $22.65. The report of the Treasurer to-day is $1,434.93.

The Silver Anniversary apportionment of our Conference, amounting to $1,005, has been completed this year, placing the Oregon Conference on the "Honor Roll." To this offering nearly all have contributed, even the children bringing their mites, and friends of the society have responded liberally to personal solicitation. At the "roll-call" of Conferences in our Convention, yesterday (October 29th), the story of the "Diamond Ring," given to the Grant's Pass Auxiliary three years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, after an inspiring address made by Miss Frickey, was told by the Corresponding Secretary, and the sum of $50 was soon given by the members and friends of the convention, and the ring is to be returned to the donors. The fifty dollars raised at the request of the Corresponding Secretary will be applied on the California Conference Silver Offering.

Our Conference has now four organized districts, twenty-five Auxiliaries, six Queen Esther Circles, fifteen companies of Home Guards and Jewels, twenty Reading Circles,—an increase of seven, with a total of 314 readers—nearly winning for us the banner, as we were second in line and received honorable mention. Our "Mothers' Jewels," having the greatest per cent of increase, was presented with the "Red Ribbon," the badge of honor.

The mite-boxes are used in eighteen Auxiliaries, also in all Queen Esther and children's societies. Five public meetings of Conference and district societies have been held. The Day of Prayer was observed. Nearly all Auxiliaries have held a Thank-offering service. The Queen Esther Circles and children, under the enthusiasm of their leaders, have aided materially in meeting the Conference pledges, all of which have been paid in full. An abundance of literature has been circulated. More subscribers to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions* have been recorded. Our frontier work has largely exceeded that of last year. Thus advancement is seen in all departments of the work. Two deaconesses have served as parish workers—Miss Eva Lund, at Eugene, and Miss Alrena Thomas, at Sunnyside, Portland. For many years the Woman's Home Missionary Society has looked forward to the establishment of deaconess work in our Conference. Household furnishings are in readiness and money in the treasury for this purpose, and at the Annual Conference, held in Portland, September last, a resolution was passed

authorizing the Deaconess Board to open Deaconess Work in the Oregon Conference. During the early spring we were blessed with the presence of Miss Carrie Barge, who spent a month in ceaseless labor in our midst. It is needless to say that her efforts were crowned with success. Again the East Portland District, under the inspiring leadership of its President, Mrs. J. M. Long, is the "Banner" district.

To the district and Conference officers, the Auxiliary officers, and members of the Queen Esther Circles, and last, but not least, to the children, I would express my thanks for the loyal aid and support given me during the year. Much praise is due and much credit should be given our efficient Conference Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Lee, and our faithful and capable Conference Treasurer, Mrs. O. J. Bales, who, hand in hand, have labored with me. Although the work accomplished falls far short of our ideals, it has called for sacrifice and has proved a blessing for all participating, drawing the membership into closer fellowship, broadening our vision to the great needs, and pointing, we trust, to greater achievements another year.

After five years as Corresponding Secretary, I leave the work with regret, but with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. MRS. OSMON ROYAL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA.

The years repeat themselves without much variation, but we find, on looking over the records of the last year, that no backward step has been taken. There has been no deaths of Auxiliaries, and no falling off in interest; but, rather, a deepening love for and interest in the work of the Society. We have at least one new Auxiliary, and others promised, and a gain in membership. Some of the older Auxiliaries have been greatly strengthened and have given birth to Circles and Home Guards.

The Young People's Work has grown finely, and gives us a feeling of security as to the future of the work of this Conference, when many of the older workers have laid down their responsibility concerning it.

Our pledge of $5,000 to the Silver Offering has been fully met, and all pledges made at the convention of 1906 have been more than paid.

Successful meetings were held on each district, and a meeting for the presentation of the work was held in each of the camp-meetings.

The supply work was beautifully managed, and a large list of supplies was sent to the industrial homes and to the homes of preachers on the frontiers. This part of our work appeals to our people.

The immigrant work has been quite heavy and important, as there was such an increase in steerage passengers. Our deaconess having charge of that department has been a very busy woman, but she has been the means of gladdening many hearts and sowing the living seed beside all waters.

The receipts from mite-boxes was larger than in any previous year.

Two young women from our Conference are taking training in the Washington Training School, their scholarships being met by our Society.

Our own local deaconess work is of ever increasing interest, but it is impossible in a brief report to give any idea of its scope or magnitude, of the many lives it touches, or of the blessings that flow from it. It is the source of a constantly flowing and life-giving stream, which blesses not only those who receive, but those who give.

MRS. G. E. PALEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PITTSBURG.

The year just closed has been the most successful of the twenty-three years of our Conference work. The interest in the work at home and outside the Conference is greater, and all meetings better attended. Our "Silver Offering" of $5,000 has been paid, with quite a nice surplus. Our pledges for work outside the Conference have been met, and we have kept in touch with the various Homes and schools throughout the land, and wherever the Woman's Home Missionary Society has a foothold.

Seven new Auxiliaries have been organized during the year. Our membership seems smaller, but we only report paid members; we hope to get the backsliders paid up by another year. The special works within our bounds, namely, the Deaconess Work, the "Elizabeth A. Bradley" Children's Home, the Fresh Air Home (open during July and August, under the care of two deaconesses), the Travelers' Aid work, where two, and mostly three, workers have been of great good and comfort to the traveling public. The work in the coke regions around Uniontown and up the Monongahela River has been prospered and great good accomplished by our three trained missionaries, who hold industrial classes, mothers' meetings, assist in the Sunday-schools, and do general parish visiting in the small surrounding towns. The support for this work comes from the five districts in our Conference.

The Deaconess Home shelters nine workers; two of our probationers have gone to the Washington Training School this fall, and one licensed worker is taking a college course in Delaware, Ohio. Early in the spring the Board of Trustees of the Deaconess Home were the recipients of a six-roomed cottage at Ridgeview Park Camp Grounds, in the eastern part of our Conference. The house was open this summer during the camp-meeting to missionaries and deaconesses. The "Elizabeth A. Bradley" Children's Home and the Deaconess Home closed the year free of debt, with a small balance in the treasury. The endowment fund of the Children's Home is $17,000 and is invested in bonds and mortgages paying six per cent interest without tax.

The Secretary of Young People, Miss Alice Dinger, is much encouraged. With the organization of her work into districts, and five interested young women for secretaries, she hopes for a very successful winter. At present, fourteen Circles, six Bands, and six Mothers' Jewels reported, with $733.30 contributed during the year.

Increased interest is shown in the temperance work, and this branch is working great good in the community.

The Secretary of Literature reports 210 books sold, 10,000 leaflets distributed, and many Auxiliaries following the Reading Course.

The Supply Department, while not reporting as large cash receipts, owing to no value on second-hand clothing, has done a great work and sent warmth and comfort into many homes.

I can not close without a word of tribute to our beloved Conference President, Mrs. C. W. Smith, who was called home February 4, 1907. For twenty-two successive years she guided the Society with wise and loving care. Her loss caused great sorrow, and added one more to the long list of those of our workers who have departed in the last few years.

We have striven as best we could, and we leave the results of our year's work in God's hands.

MRS. EDWARD H. UTLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PUGET SOUND.

Having been but a few months in the bounds of Puget Sound Conference, I feel illy prepared to properly report the year's work of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. But this I can truly say, I find as true, loyal, intelligent, and consecrated band of workers as I have ever met East or West, or in any Conference in which I have ever worked. I am proud to be associated with them. From observation and what records I have at hand, I think that this has been a year of the most steady and substantial growth in the history of our Society.

The coming of Miss Carrie Barge to our Conference was not only a source of inspiration and encouragement, but her thorough knowledge and consecration to this work has given us such a glimpse of the needs and possibilities of this home field that we dare not look back, but must go on to greater victories in the name of our Christ. New Auxiliaries are being organized, also Queen Esther Circles and Home Guards, with some attention to Mothers' Jewels.

What has encouraged me most as evidence of permanent growth is the interest taken by our Literature and Reading Circle Secretaries in distribution of our literature and organizing Reading Circles. We do not mean to have it said of us, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. When our women know of our work and its needs they will act.

We are overwhelmed with the magnitude and possibilities of this undeveloped field, and say, Who is sufficient for these things? but in the name of our Christ are taking up the work of another year with renewed courage and a stronger faith, realizing that there is much land yet to be possessed.

MRS. S. H. SPANGLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER.

New days demand from us new songs of praise. As at the beginning, so at the end of the year, we give thanks to God for His promises and presence, for the things that, through His blessing, we have been enabled to do. There comes to every organization a time in its history of strengthening, of holding fast, of preparation for better things. Such, I believe, has been in part the past year in Rock River Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. We have, however, made a goodly advance in all lines. We greatly rejoice to tell you that our Silver Offering has been completed. We thank God and take courage when we remember how almost impossible it seemed to us at first to meet this obligation.

We have had with us during the past year two National Organizers—Mrs. Lavender, for three months, and Miss Nellie Snider, for one. Though our aim has been to foster and strengthen Auxiliaries already organized, rather than to organize new ones, these devoted workers have left us richer by seven new societies.

I can not forbear to mention the most stirring and educational addresses on Home Missions given by Dr. Elliott at our camp-meetings. Sent among us by the Board of Home Missions of the Church, he has directly and indirectly done a grand work for Woman's Home Missions. We have had two gatherings which deserve special mention; the union Day of Prayer, held at First Church, Chicago, the ladies of the Methodist

denomination being hosts, was an occasion of great profit and inspiration to all who had the privilege of attending; the National Deaconess Convention was held in our city in July. The topics discussed and resolutions passed were of vital interest to our society. We deeply regret the enforced absence from the city of many of our women at this time of year. Those present at the sessions can testify to the depth of feeling and Christian charity which prevailed.

The Young People's and Children's Work has never been more encouraging than at present. Our Secretaries, Miss Thompson and Mrs. Salter, have been indefatigable in their labors. Our City Evangelistic Committee are all but appalled by the vastness of the work stretching out before them. They have labored valiantly and unceasingly and have seen many precious souls saved through their efforts. Marcy Home has never had a better year or more hopeful outlook for the future. We have made some progress towards raising funds for the new building, which is sorely needed. Our new superintendents have proved their fitness for the places they fill, and we trust the Master will long spare them to labor in this particular part of His vineyard. I have, with one exception, visited every district of the Conference, and everywhere find manifestations of deep and growing interest in this blessed, Christlike work and a desire to know more of the needs and responsibility we owe to those less fortunate than ourselves. The Swedish District has opened a Rest Home for Swedish girls and strangers of their own nationality in this city. This is a practical and refreshing growth of Home Mission enterprise in our own midst and deserves and will have our hearty support.

Our Auxiliaries throughout the Conference have never given so much of themselves or their money or listed so large a membership as this year. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but Thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

MRS. R. H. DOLLIVER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. LOUIS.

The past year has been one of growth in the St. Louis Conference. Earnest, consecrated effort has characterized our officers. We number, in Kansas City District alone, twenty-four organizations. We have also received encouraging reports from St. Louis and Farmington Districts. We have raised this year, on the Silver Offering, $250.94. This, with the amount previously raised, makes a total of $700. The whole amount raised this year from all sources is $9,743.50; an increase over last year of $8,500.

We have rejoiced at the munificent gift of Mrs. Ellen A. Burge, of Springfield, Mo., of a property valued at $8,000 for a Deaconess Hospital located in that city. Sixty feet have recently been added to build a new Deaconess Home.

Kansas City District Meeting was held in Oakley Church, with a fine attendance. Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock delivered a helpful address, and in the evening a Queen Esther rally was held. Mrs. Woodcock held their interest in a fine talk to them in her own original and inspiring manner. She gave us ten days of earnest work in Kansas City District.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Clinton, the seat of the Annual Conference. Our special work has been Cunningham Orphanage, Mothers'

Jewels' Home, Sinuk (Alaska), Ritter Home, Porto Rico, Honolulu, Adeline Smith Home, Fisk Hall, Harwood Home. St. Louis District has given $300 to the Colorado Deaconess Hospital at Colorado Springs.

Independence Avenue and Arlington Auxiliaries have met their appropriations in full for Silver Offering.

Fisk Hall, our National Deaconess Training School, is pursuing its substantial, growing, and most useful mission. Far and wide through the West and Southwest its graduates are performing their Christlike ministry. The Training School is very popular, as it should be, through the Conferences of the West. A large class of deaconesses was graduated in June. Dr. Luccock delivered a most able and uplifting address. Too much praise can not be given Miss Anna Neiderheiser, its efficient, consecrated superintendent. We are glad to report that there are in attendance at the school this year forty promising students. We have increased our supscription to our papers and scattered more literature than in previous years. We anticipate organizing the Springfield District in the immediate future. The outlook is bright. I wish to thank all the workers and members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society who have helped us in the past year. Let us, with renewed effort and consecration, work for our steady growth in the year to come.

MRS. C. B. SPENCER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

The year has passed all too soon, when we remember all we had planned for the twelve months. Our women have been faithful, and valiant service has been rendered.

Our aim is to enlarge our numbers and increase our appropriations every year, and I think, without exception, this aim is always accomplished. Our receipts for the year are the largest yet, and far ahead of any other Conference. Our membership has grown, our most efficient District Secretaries having in mind every charge organized in every department. I need not tell you our Frances DePauw Spanish Industrial School continually grows and gains the confidence of all who know of its work. Our deaconess work is successful and more deaconesses employed than ever before.

Our worker among the Japanese has endeavored to reach the one thousand women in our city, but, finding that impossible, has done all one pair of feet could do. The work among the Chinese has called for more patience, tact, and grace than ever before, because of the many slave girls being imported to this country by way of Mexico, as well as the influx of Chinese from San Francisco.

Our missionary at San Pedro has not failed in her duty, but sickness has overtaken her. We are praying for her recovery.

All our pledges have been met, and many in advance.

The brethren of the Conference decided to raise the money for the frontier pastors, so we can devote all our energies to the real work of our Society. That had meant to us much anxiety and labor in the raising of from fifteen hundred dollars to twenty-five hundred dollars each year, so we feel assured our reports for the coming year will see larger appropriations to the general work.

We have taken the Yuma Indians under our care, which means the money for half the support of the missionary there, and incidental

expenses necessary. We intend "to work this year as though everything depended upon us, and pray as though everything depended on God."

MRS. P. H. BODKIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

Again it is my privilege to bring to you greeting from the loyal workers of Southern Illinois. The missionary year 1906-07 has gone from us. As we take one view, it seems but yesterday since we began the page unbeautified with figures; but when we recall the seasons of prayer for direction, the weeks of anxiety, and the changes which have come, the period lengthens.

Our expansion report is, new Auxiliaries at Cairo, Central City, Donnellson, Pinckneyville, Metropolis, Vergennes. Queen Esther Circles at Belleville, Centralia, Effingham, and Staunton. Two life members, Mothers' Jewels. Our Auxiliary membership is 645; Queen Esther, 147; Home Guards, 50; Mothers' Jewels, 89.

The text-book, "Incoming Millions," is used by a majority of the Auxiliaries and Circles. There are 238 *Woman's Home Missions* and 119 *Children's Home Missions* taken. Trenton is our only first-class Auxiliary, having a membership of ten and takes twelve *Woman's Home Missions.* We have thirty-two Reading Circle members.

The Silver Offering, we regret to say, is not all in; several Auxiliaries have paid in full, but more of them have paid only in part. Our Conference Convention was held in Mt. Carmel, October 23d and 24th, with a better attendance and more interest manifested than at any previous Conference meeting. Mrs. Mary A. Lavender was with us and gave the address.

Our District Meetings were seasons of influence, interest, and profit, with fine addresses by Miss Josephine Corbin, who was with us during the month of May. Miss Mary Mahon represented us at two District Epworth League Conventions, besides organizing at different places.

Our Conference was greatly blessed by having these splendid women with us, and again at Annual Conference time; at our anniversary we were delighted to hear Dr. W. A. Frye, and the audience was quite responsive with a splendid collection.

With this review only an insignificant fraction of the labors or the results can be shown. With many Auxiliaries this has been their best year with financial gains, though our receipts in the aggregate are less.

May we strive to increase our diligence in the Master's service.

MRS. D. P. MOORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH KANSAS.

While we can not report an increase in members, and our advance along other lines has been so small, we do feel that the Woman's Home Misionary Society is slowly, very slowly, gaining ground in this Conference. A larger number of annual reports and leaflets have been sent out than ever before.

Our pledges have been met, and we are able to make a small increase for this year.

Sentiment in favor of the work is growing. In the past year we have learned that we have a field for work at our very door, for the large number of foreign-speaking people among the miners within the bounds of our own Conference need our help.

Miss Sarah Catlin, a Fisk Training School graduate, began work among them a few months ago. She is doing most excellent work for God and those people.

Pittsburg Auxiliary has pledged her allowance for the year.

Interest in Fisk Training School increases, and their representatives find a welcome in the Conference. From this year's class will graduate a deaconess especially trained for our field.

There was no field work done the past year, but we are looking with anxious hearts for the coming of Miss Barge, who will spend a month with us, to encourage and instruct the members and add to our numbers such as she may enlist.

We are sadly in need of leaders. Women who feel the burden of the work and are willing to say, "This one thing I do."

Not satisfied with the work accomplished the past year, but we are determined to press forward, looking for greater things in the year to come. (MISS) MARY A. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Southwest Kansas Conference has made advancement along all lines of work this year. The national meeting at Lincoln gave the Corresponding Secretary information and inspiration for her part in the year's work.

Our young people are well organized and doing good work under Miss Maude Severance, Conference Secretary of Young People's Work. We have gained during the past year one new Auxiliary of forty-five members, and several others reorganized. The outlook is hopeful. Pastors are asking for an organizer, and our plans are made for a six weeks' campaign, with Mrs. M. Libby Allen as leader, who begins work for us in November. Our Conference Annual Meeting, held at Wichita, was a most successful convention. Miss Bertha Elliot, of Fisk (now Mrs. McKeever, of Norton, Kansas), gave us a stirring address full of information along the lines of our work. The Corresponding Secretary sent out letters before the convention, asking delegates to come prepared to make pledges for the year's work, and found that it proved more successful than we had hoped on first trial. We have six deaconesses at work in the Conference, with four more in training this year—three at Fisk, and one at Lucy Webb Hayes. Our pledges were all paid in full last year. Our Silver Offering was completed in 1906.

Our Conference Anniversary was held in April, at Wellington, with a splendid address by Miss Nellie Snider.

We trust the coming year, under the blessing of God, may be one of great prosperity in Southwest Kansas Conference.

(MRS.) NETTIE TEDRICK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TEXAS.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of this Conference has prospered during the past year. At our Annual Meeting, last December, the women of the Texas Conference Woman's Home Mis-

sionary Society pledged themselves to raise $200, outside of dues, to aid in building an annex to King Home for Domestic Science. I was elected Corresponding Secretary, in addition to being Treasurer, and started out on my year's work full of hope and enthusiasm, for the sisters had promised to stand by me.

The city Churches were visited, their Auxiliaries encouraged, and much interest manifested by the pastors. We were at Harrisburg in March; organized an Auxiliary, and were to have gone back the next Sunday to organize the young women and children, but I was taken ill and remained so all spring and summer—thus the work has been neglected. Nevertheless, by writing a few personal letters at intervals, and sending out circular letters over the Conference, more than one hundred dollars of the money pledged has been raised, and we hope to raise the balance by our Annual Meeting in December.

More interest has been manifested in Home Missions this year than in many years. The financial report will be the best in the history of our Society. Though we have not been able to report quarterly, there has been some increase in Auxiliaries and Circles.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the victories achieved, and pray that another year may witness greater triumphs for the cause of Home Missions. MRS. J. M. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TROY.

This report shows no marked growth among our Auxiliaries—only three having been added; but we have organized nine Young People's Societies during the year. Miss Corbin visited us during March, and, as a result, 138 new members were added to our Auxiliaries.

Our Conference is blessed with good workers of our own, having among our numbers, two deaconesses—capable and ready at any time to talk, pray, organize, do anything to help the good work along; our efficient Field Secretary, Miss C. J. Dodge, also Mrs. Bertha Sanford-Stanford, a former deaconess, who has dropped her ties, having taken charge of a home of her own, but who does not wish to lose her identity with our Woman's Home Missionary Society, so *gladly* fills many a gap for us with a word or a song.

Troy Conference has just sent two new workers into the field—Miss Hattie Gifford, as superintendent, and Miss Ella Bronk, as teacher, in our Dulce Home—making five workers from Troy Conference in New Mexico.

We have held during the year a semi-annual business meeting, a Conference Convention—which was well attended, and where an unusual amount of interest was shown—and four District Conventions, the Auxiliaries in the fifth being so scattered that it was thought advisable not to have a convention, so their faithful President, Mrs. Grismer, has visited every Auxiliary in her district. While we report but few Reading Circles, the fact was disclosed at our last Conference Convention that the greater part of our societies were using the books recommended by that branch of our work.

In our E. W. Griffin Home, in Albany, are but five Deaconesses, two having been taken out to do special Church work. One instance of work done by one of our good deaconesses: A poor, run-down country Church, with only *one* member, no regular service, no communion service in over two years. This sister labored with them, and as a result, we

have a well-organized Church of over twenty members, an Epworth League, and a Sunday-school, both in good working order, and a body of people who are looking forward to the time when "we can have a pastor all our own."

Our Secretary of Supplies reports a decided gain over last year, which we can lay at the door of our hard-working Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Carson.

We have paid all our pledges made last year, but have not paid all our Silver Offering, having paid only $3,030.81. Troy Conference has a large number of Mission Churches, where the membership is so small they have as much as they can do to meet the running expenses; a good many of these have a Woman's Home Missionary Society, as our Conference is well organized. It is asking an impossibility to ask these ladies to pay $2.50 per member. Let us be thankful for what they *can* do and do not crowd them out. Several of our Circles have "put their shoulders to the wheel" and paid their full apportionment, and have done it gladly. We are still working and shall continue to do so.

In September our whole Conference met with a severe loss in the death of our dear sister, Miss Mary Tripp. Twenty years ago, in September, she gave herself to the missionary work, and has spent the last thirteen years among the Navajo Indians at the Farmington Home, being a real mother to those little children, who loved her as dearly as we love our mothers. Twenty years of sowing, "What shall the harvest be?" "She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her." Miss Margaret Tripp, who was so thankful to be with her sister during her last days, is now taking a much needed rest at Round Lake, N. Y.

Troy Conference has more than one Silver Anniversary to think of this year, as in April, 1908, our President, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, completes her twenty-fifth year as an officer in that Society. Twenty-five years ago Troy Conference had not a single Auxiliary. Mrs. Simpson was District Secretary, and as she did not want to go to Conference "empty handed" she asked to be allowed to organize a Society in her own Church. After much urging, many prayers, and a few tears she was allowed —"If you can"—to see what she could do among the young people. So in March, 1883, an Auxiliary of forty-nine members was organized. From this has grown our seventy-three Auxiliaries, thirty Circles, fifteen Home Guards, and nine Jewels.

The command, "Go ye into all the world" does not apply to all. There are missionaries who never leave their homes, but who give their lives and work just as faithfully as those who go to the front. In such cases, you know, we think those who stay at home have the harder part. We are sure that when the command to cross over to the other shore comes to her she will hear the "Well done!" of the Master.

We hope it will be possible for us to extend to her the same hearty congratulations—as we now do—twenty-five years from now on her Golden Anniversary. MRS. M. B. HUTTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER IOWA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Upper Iowa Conference was organized September 23, 1882, twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Springer was the first Secretary. She served eight years. The writer served the remaining seventeen years.

The new quarter of a century begins with the work of the Conference in the hands of a new Secretary. Mrs. Emma Ridley Colgrove has youth and the vigor and energy which goes with it, together with broad educational advantages as an equipment for her work. We congratulate ourselves on securing such a leader, and predict larger things for the future of the Society in her hands.

Our quarter of a century was fittingly closed with our $5,000 Silver Offering all provided for. The small balance still unpaid is pledged by Auxiliaries and individuals.

The crowning success came to us through the efforts of Mrs. M. Libby Allen, General Organizer, who aided in holding five of the district meetings in September with Silver Offering as the shibboleth.

Our hearts are warm with praise to God and the dear women who worked so faithfully to win the victory. Besides a new Conference Secretary to begin the new quarter of a century, we have three new District Presidents and two new District Secretaries and other new district officers, and Conference and District department secretaries.

Our prayer is that every officer, new and old, may find joy in service and strength to serve "In His Name."

As formerly all our money goes for work outside our own Conference, except $100 for work among the Bohemians, and $100 for "Silent" Work. Our Auxiliaries averaged raising above $2.50 a member in the Conference, not including the Silver Offering. We confess to a lonesome feeling as we lay down our pen as Secretary after seventeen years of service. But the time to lay down our pen has come. We are grateful for the privilege of having served so long.

(MRS.) MARGARET ALSPAUGH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER MISSISSIPPI.

Greetings I bear to you from the Upper Mississippi Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. Our first report is meager, but success attends us. At the last session of our Annual Conference we were reorganized by Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, our General Organizer, since which time we have organized six district associations, each of which has begun active work. Four Auxiliaries are doing commendable work.

We were blessed with a visit from Mrs. H. C. Hedges, our Bureau Secretary, in April. Much valuable information was given us by her and we were inspired to better work.

Our first Annual Meeting was held in May, at Holly Springs, Miss. The address delivered by the beloved Superintendent of E. L. Rust Home, Miss M. Ella Becker, was greatly enjoyed; it gave us new impetus and greater determination for the work.

Thus far we have reported $20.25 for dues, $10.15 given our General Organizer, and $94 for E. L. Rust Home Special Building Fund, making a total of $124.40. Also secured twenty-one new subscribers for the *Woman's Home Missions.* The six District Associations have together pledged $150 for the E. L. Rust Home Special Building Fund.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Upper Mississippi Conference pledges her faith and works for the forthcoming year.

MRS. GRIFFIN G. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

VERMONT.

There has been an increase in membership and in money raised during the year. We were very fortunate at our Conference Anniversary to have Dr. Frye with us. He gave a very able and interesting address, which was attentively listened to, and we trust will bear fruit. District Meetings have been held on all the Districts with interesting programs, and able addresses by Mrs. N. W. Bass. Dr. E. O. Thayer represented the work at Sheldon and Lyndonville camp-meetings with a good response financially. Mrs. N. W. Bass has recently closed a two weeks' itinerary on Montpelier District, resulting in an addition of members and a strengthening of weak Auxiliaries.

We are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the faithful workers He has raised up, and are praying the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of our women who are still indifferent to the needs of our Society and the great opportunity for service for the Master.

MRS. V. A. IRISH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WASHINGTON.

Although we have not accomplished all we had desired this year, yet our work has been very encouraging. God has given our efforts much success. Our noble women are beginning to better understand the work and as a result our dues increase steadily each year. Last year's dues were $263.65, this year they are $333.35, an increase of $69.70 over last year. The Silver Offering still demands our interest. This year we have raised $27, making a total of $159.31. We desire to make this amount $200 or more. Our entire contribution to the General Fund this year is $440.35. As special work we have raised $50, on account of a scholarship at Morgan College under the direction of the Freedman's Aid Society. We have been seriously considering the great work done by Industrial Homes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and have pledged $170 Student Aid for 1908. The work among young people is untiring and progressive. Many good results have been accomplished by these energetic workers.

District Meetings have been held regularly and aid largely in broadening our work. Much local work is done yearly by the Auxiliaries and many burdens lightened. While some Auxiliaries in the rural districts have ceased to work, yet three new ones have been organized.

Our Annual Conference, held September 20th, was very inspiring and much enthusiasm was manifested. We give all glory to God for our successes. (MISS) ANNIE R. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST NEBRASKA.

We believe that interest in our work is increasing. At our recent session of Conference words of praise and commendation were spoken The pastors seem more and more to realize the importance of our work, which will be a great help to us in organizing new Auxiliaries.

We held our Annual Meeting Wednesday afternoon, September 18th, at the session of Conference in McCook, Neb. Mother Collins, in her efficient manner, presided. Rev. Dr. P. J. Maveety, of Kansas City, gave

the address, which was very helpful and instructive. Mother Collins has been organizing Auxiliaries during the past year and has aroused great interest in the work.

We close the year with an increase in membership and a large increase in finances over last year. We have many earnest, loyal women in our Conference who, having put their hands to the plow in this line of work, will not turn back, but are looking forward to the harvest, hoping to claim many rich sheaves as their own.

(MRS.) ERMA A. HOWE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST TEXAS.

The work of my Conference has gone on steadily. I have striven hard to make it our greatest year, but the drought cut short our aim. I attended the five District Associations. Each President is trying to rival the other. Two new Auxiliaries organized and three reorganized. Eliza Dee Home holds her own. We must have an annex with a bath-room. I have been successful in selling the fancy work, at a high price, done by our Home girls. We have purchased for the Home a serviceable book-case. Our Anniversary was held in Columbus, December 13, 1906. Forty delegates reported. Miss Clara I. King, our Superintendent, addressed us, to the delight of all.

MRS. E. S. SPRIGGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST VIRGINIA.

In reviewing the work of the year we have become reconciled with the results. Our hopes were high, ever beyond our attainment it seems, but we are pleased with many phases of our progress. Our Annual Meeting was held at Wheeling, West Virginia, October 19th. Miss Barge was with us and delivered a very helpful address. With sorrow we accepted the resignation of our beloved President, Mrs. S. T. Westhaver. Her sweet presence and faithful, superior work will be greatly missed.

Miss Carrie Barge gave us a ten days' itinerary in the interior of the State, which resulted in the organization of five Auxiliaries, one Queen Esther Circle, and one Jewel Band. The Young People's Work is steadily growing under the leadership of our able Secretary. Our Silver Offering has been more than paid and our pledges exceed any preceding year. Miss Nellie Snyder delivered the Anniversary address at Conference. This was the most enthusiastic meeting we have had, giving the best results, and a large collection demonstrated to us that the hearts of the people had been reached.

On my return trip from the Conference I organized an Auxiliary with eighteen charter members at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The subscription list to our paper has been increased a little, but is not what we wish it to be. We note the encouraging welcome given us when we timidly venture into new territory. The ministers are giving us a more cordial welcome and the prospects for a more aggressive work the coming year is indeed propitious. We begin the new year strengthened in faith, looking unto the Master, who said, "Be strong all ye people of the land, and work. Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

MRS. L. MAY HOLT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST WISCONSIN.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the West Wisconsin Conference during the past year has moved along slowly but surely. No special effort has been made by the way of visits from our General Organizers to advance the work. As usual some Auxiliaries have become tired in well-doing. Some old ones revived and are doing good work again. Two new Auxiliaries were organized during the year. Our Queen Esther Circles and Home Guards are very earnest in their work by caring for some of the beneficiary work in Alaska and on the Pacific Coast.

Our membership and finances are about the same as last year. All pledges made have been met. The most hopeful sign of advance of Home Missionary work in this Conference is that the ministers are seeing the need of this organization. Several of them have promised to give their pulpits to our organizers when asked to present this work and do all they can to aid by the way of organizing. Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton gave very helpful and profitable addresses at our Conference Anniversary, which were highly appreciated by all.

MRS. M. BENSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WILMINGTON.

In presenting the twenty-first report to the Board of Managers, it should be stated that two thousand energetic women and children of all ages have during the past year been working for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. There are many charges in our Conference where we have no organization, and if we can only get the pastors and their women and children interested we could report great increase in interest and receipts another year.

A number of the Auxiliaries have made some increase in membership and one new Society organized at Laurel. Several organizations among the young people are reported by the Secretary, Miss M. Grace Quigg, who is always planning for larger things in her department. Conference and District Officers have been active and enthusiastic and have done good work.

Mite Boxes are used more than ever before, while leaflets have been sent out by thousands. Sample packages of *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* have been freely distributed. The Secretary of Supplies reports a successful year in her department, four hundred and thirty-eight garments and over $300 in cash having been distributed. Greater interest is manifested in the Reading Course, and we hope for an increase in the number of readers the coming year. The Silver Anniversary Offering is not yet up to the apportionment, but $1,407.76 has been raised. Four public meetings have been held, beside the Conference Anniversary. The Annual Meeting was held in Grace Church, Wilmington, on March 14th. An interesting feature was a Home Missionary Camp-fire under the direction of Mrs. Z. James Belt. Dr. Hiram W. Kellogg, pastor of Grace Church, gave an illustrated lecture on the work of our Society in the evening, which was most entertaining and instructive. Our efficient Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. J. P. Doughten,

declined a re-election and Mrs. W. L. S. Murry was elected in her place. Temperance work has been before us at every meeting. Mrs. Washington Hastings sees to it that this part of Home Missionary effort shall not be overlooked, and our women intend to have local option prevail throughout our State if by their united efforts it can be done.

A Deaconess Home is at last a reality in Wilmington; located at 841 Tatnall Street with two deaconesses, whose presence and work are making an impression for good on the many sick and neglected women and children in our midst. The large number of foreigners coming here are locating in our city and must, if possible, be brought under Christian influence. We close the record of the year's work with regret that so little has been accomplished when we had hoped to do a great deal more.

(MRS.) EMMA L. WELDIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Wisconsin does not bring a discouraging report, although we wish that far greater results had been achieved. The year just closing has been characterized by a deeper interest in the work on the part of many of our Auxiliaries and a more hopeful outlook for the future. We greatly need the aid of our national organizers to furnish to scores of charges in the Wisconsin Conference the additional wheel they need to do their very best work. In our humble opinion no Church is fully equipped unless it has both the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society wheel as a propelling force. Many of our best pastors are beginning to realize this and are saying to us, "Come over and organize." We were favored with the presence of one organizer for a few weeks during the year and this makes us wish for more of the same kind of work. Mrs. Lavender, of Chicago, visited us in June, speaking at two District Meetings, at the Byron camp-meeting, and also in several charges, organizing societies in some of these places.

Our Annual Meeting, held a few weeks ago, was a very profitable one. It was graced by the presence and greatly benefited by the help of the Secretary of our Indian and Frontier Work, Miss Sarah DeLine, of Chicago. Our membership now numbers nearly six hundred, of which one hundred and thirty-four are subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* The amount raised for special work during the year is $293.36. Our Silver Offering up to date amounts to $400.

Our Supply Secretary reports nine hundred and nineteen second-hand articles sent away and a contribution of new garments, having a cash value of $207.67. Our pledges for the coming year will be the same as last year, with the addition of $150 for a missionary in our Conference and $40 for work among the Indians in the northern part of the State. Through the courtesy of the Advocate Publishing Company, of Milwaukee, we are given a page or more of space in the *Wisconsin Christian Advocate* once a month. This enables us to keep our cause before the Church by furnishing much needed information.

MRS. A. J. BENJAMIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING.

The Wyoming Conference has the honor to report that the year closed with the work well up in all financial affairs save the Silver Offering, which still lacks a little over $1,100, or about one-fourth of the entire apportionment. It is the purpose of the Conference to continue this year the effort to raise the balance. In Binghamton District we have this fall established a deaconess, Miss Grace Clark, sent to the district by Miss Bancroft.

Miss Mahon did good work at Sidney Grove camp-meeting in organizing some promising Societies. Miss Alma Mathews spoke on Immigrant Work at the District Meeting, at Scranton in the winter and made a distinctly favorable impression and aroused interest in work among the foreigners who are peopling the coal regions. The work grows year by year, not by leaps and bounds, but by the steady, natural growth which spells success.

Wyoming Conference wishes to present one special matter to the attention of the Board of Managers. The Auxiliary at Kingston, Pa., wishes to take up some work among the Italians in the coal region and they ask the recognition of the Society. This Auxiliary reports that their financial obligations are all met, including the Silver Offering and they promise not to lessen their customary gifts if they are allowed to take up this new task. They are asking "leave to toil" among the foreigners to do some work that they can put their own hands upon.

MRS. D. L. RHONE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING MISSION.

This being the first annual report of the Wyoming Mission Conference, it must be largely statistical. We have three Auxiliaries, with a membership of twenty-seven; one Circle, with a membership of twelve; two Home Guards, with a membership of eighteen; one Mothers' Jewels Band, with a membership of nine; a total membership of sixty-six. Amount of money raised, inluding value of supplies, $84.51.

MRS. E. L. BUTLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

EDITOR "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

A Bit of History.—Woman's Home Missions first saw the light in Delaware, Ohio, January, 1884. It was a little one, in truth, but its purposes and plans were great and it was backed by great hope and determination. The gentle and gifted editor, Mrs. Harriet C. McCabe, put into the little eight-page paper the best products of her heart and brain, and so carefully did she tend and nurture this "child of Providence," as she loved to call it, that it soon became a full-fledged purveyor of Home Missionary information—inspiring, instructing, and stimulating Christian women to heroic work for God and native land.

In 1901 the place of publication was changed from Delaware, Ohio, to New York City, and in 1902 the beloved editor laid down the work which she had so long and so faithfully carried, bearing with her the love and gratitude of the entire Society.

A Look Forward.—With the December number, *Woman's Home Missions* closes twenty-four years of faithfully telling the story of Home Mission need and opportunity. In January, 1908, the paper enters upon its twenty-fifth year. We love our paper and ought to celebrate its silver anniversary—not, indeed, by an offering of material gifts so much, as by the offering of time and interest to secure a notable advance in subscriptions. The publisher marks out the way, and in her modest call for five thousand new subscribers we may not at first realize that, should only one-sixth of our present number each secure one new subscriber, her goal would be reached.

Why the Paper is Needed.—Woman's Home Missions furnishes missionary information, and information furnishes inspiration. Each number of the paper is a special one treating of a special phase of the work. Six of the lessons under our concert study are based upon as many chapters of the mission study text-book for the year. The remaining six take up themes of special interest in our work.

Our great and growing deaconess interest is given six pages each month, about the amount of space the whole paper could command in its earlier days. The paper is needed to keep us informed about this department of our work, and it is needed especially for concert study, which brings together each month interested groups of women eager to learn about the details of our work. It is encouraging to know that the number of Auxiliaries using this concert study steadily increases, since in helping Auxiliary members to *know* the paper helps them to *do*.

What the Paper Needs.—Woman's Home Missions needs more articles and letters from the field, more statements from Bureau Secretaries, more telling pictures of the work, and more news items. What is of interest and value to an Auxilary, a District Association, or a Conference Society, is of interest to all. It needs more loyal women to love and praise its

ministry, to commend it to the uninterested, and to declare how it has widened their own horizon of duty and privilege. It needs more subscribers, not for its own sake, but for the sake of the work, that its great and growing demands may be more widely recognized and, therefore, more loyally sustained.

And it needs your prayers that God will use it more and more for the promotion of His cause and the upbuilding of His kingdom in our midst. (MISS) MARTHA VAN MARTER.

EDITOR "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

For a full dozen years our children's paper has held on its way. To-day it comes once more bringing greetings to the good friends who have made possible its life and continued usefulness.

Not yet has it grown to the stature toward which it aspires, but the publisher assures us that during the past year it has made a creditable increase of something more than fourteen hundred new subscribers, which is cause for thankfulness. It is not because the children do not respond to the cause of *Home Missions* and eagerly welcome our little paper when it is introduced to them that its list numbers less than seventeen thousand. The children are ready and willing, even to the point oftentimes of urging an organization themselves; but the leaders are too often lacking. A recent letter from the superintendent of a Mothers' Jewels Band says: "One year ago we had ten Jewels in this Church. To-day we have one hundred and seventy-six." This is a brief statement of a condition and a cause. The children were there and they were ready. The ten had responded to the small effort made, but a new leader came and behold the increase! Evidently she did not wait for the little ones to come to her, but as "Jesus called a little child," so did this Christian woman, by her love and good works, cause not one but many to learn how they might serve the Lord of the children in serving His poor.

Just in proportion as the organizations of children increase, so will the subscription list of *Children's Home Missions* increase.

We covet for our beloved Society, more than all else, a real awakening to the value and importance of enlisting the children in its noble work of saving this land for Christ. We long for that good time coming when every Auxiliary of our Society will feel itself in some sort the children's keeper as regards training them in love for our country and an understanding of its needs. The sane and simple method urged by our publisher, that every Auxiliary subscribe for at least a club of ten *Children's Home Missions* is easily within the reach of every Auxiliary.

How glad and grateful would every delegate and Secretary here to-day be could we report an increase of five thousand subscribers to our little paper during the past year! How readily we should see the promise for the future in such a growth as this! But should even one-third of our Auxiliaries heed the publisher's call and respond to this simple proposition, it would mean an advance of twice five thousand. Do not fear to try our publisher's resources. If you will make her entirely happy, give her a little more than she can do in keeping up with your zeal in this direction.

We know it is within the power of Conference Secretaries to bring this matter home to every Auxiliary. We urge upon them that they become evangels along this line. Lacking leaders, any cause, however good, must fail, and the Secretary who will get the need for child workers on her heart and then lay it on the hearts of her co-workers is building well

for the future. "Let us live with our children" said the great teacher, Froebel, and we may be sure that if we are moving toward the light, the little ones are almost certain to follow.

(MISS) MARTHA VAN MARTER.

PUBLISHER "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand August 1 1906		$679 58
Subscriptions	$10,293 97	
Advertisements	260 79	
		10,554 76
		$11,234 34

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	$6,593 52	
Helper and Office Expenses	640 66	
Office Rent	300 00	
Traveling Expenses to Annual—Editor and Publisher	129 95	
Special Contributions	20 00	
Sundries	35 65	
		7,719 78
General Treasury W. H. M. S.		2,800 00
Cash Balance on Hand		714 56
		$11,234 34

Number of subscriptions at the close of the July quarter (by actual count), 30,573. Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

Audited and approved. E. H. HOLBROOK, *Auditor.*

PUBLISHER "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	$1,725 15	
Booklet	30 00	
		$1,755 15

EXPENDITURES.

Deficit last year	$45 20	
Printing and Mailing	1,589 98	
Sundries	26 68	
Cash balance on hand	93 29	
		$1,755 15

Number of subscriptions at the close of the July quarter (by actual count), 16,656.

(Miss) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

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HOME MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

It is impossible to give the exact number of readers, as many of our secretaries report circles and not the number of readers. Last year we reported 52 Conferences having appointed secretaries, and this year we have 62 Conferences having Reading Circle Secretaries. But as only 36 Conferences have reported the definite number of readers, our increase over last year is small—500. The total number of readers reported, 4,391.

However, our women are becoming interested in the work, many more are reading the Report and Text Books.

The Banner Conference is Colorado Conference. Mrs. Cotton Mather, at one time the Reading Circle Secretary of Cincinnati Conference, is now living in Colorado and is the Conference Secretary of Reading Circles, and through her faithful efforts this Conference has made the greatest increase in the number of readers, the number taking up the work this year, 161. Therefore the Banner will go to Colorado Conference.

Mrs. Mather writes that the Circle in Greeley meets in the church and has some one to care for the children in one room, while the ladies read in another. Loveland ladies quilt or tie comforters while reading and discussion of books and kindred topics goes on. The quilts are sent to our Mission Homes. This may suggest to some busy woman how to get time for reading the books. She also writes that all the Conference officers are readers of the Course.

The list of books has been revised and enlarged and many have expressed approval and write that the books appeal to them more than ever before.

Many circles have a public service at the close of the year's work and certificates and diplomas are given. Rock River Conference still stands at the head of the list with the largest number of readers, but being without an active secretary has failed to make as good a report as usual.

Oregon Conference came second in increase and came very near securing the Banner. Alabama Conference deserves special mention, as the work is being taken up by the girls in the Industrial Homes, and if they could have the books they would no doubt stand among the first in the list of readers.

TEXT BOOKS.

The following is the list of books added to the Course this year: "Citizens of To-morrow," by Alice M. Guernsey; "History of the Deaconess Movement," by Rev. C. Golder; "Joy, the Deaconess," by Elizabeth E. Holding; "Home Mission Readings," by Alice M. Guernsey; "Facts About Alaska," by Rev. Sheldon H. Jackson; "Black Rock" and the "Sky Pilot," by Ralph Connor; "On the Trail of the Immigrant," by Edward A. Steiner; "Aliens or Americans," by Rev. Howard B. Grose; "Imported Americans," by Broughton Brandenburg; "Those Black Diamond Men," by William Futhoy Gibbons; "Boys of the Street and How To Win Them," by Charles Stelzle; "The Bitter Cry of the Children," by John Spargo; "The Story of the Mormons," by William Alexander Linn; "In the 'Stranger People's' Country," by Charles Egbert Craddock; "The Lady of the Lily Feet," by Helen F. Clark; "A Chinese Quaker," by Nellie Blessing Eyster; "Uncle Sam, Trustee" (work in Porto Rico).

The report of number of readers in the different Conferences is as follows:

Rock River, 365 readers; Baltimore, 335 readers; Central Ohio, 332 readers; Oregon, 314 readers; Central New York, 281 readers; Northern New York, 262 readers; Iowa, 240 readers; Puget Sound, 201 readers; Philadelphia, 198 readers; Upper Iowa, 176 readers; New England, 162 readers; Colorado, 161 readers; Detroit, 161 readers; Cincinnati, 137 readers; Southern California, 112 readers; North Indiana, 104 readers; The Wilmington, 99 readers; New York East, 101 readers; New Jersey, 89 readers; North Nebraska, 87 readers; Illinois, 76 readers; Alabama, 62 readers; Northern Minnesota, 50 readers; West Wisconsin, 48 readers; Des Moines, 40 readers; Southern Illinois, 39 readers; Genesee, 34 readers; Lexington, 32 readers; New England Southern, 25 readers; Michigan, 22 readers; Kansas, 12 readers; Vermont, 12 readers; Arkansas, 10 readers; Montana, 9 readers; New Hampshire, 8 readers; Erie, 4 readers; Holston, 1 reader. Total, 4,391 readers.

(MISS) KATHERINE H. BASSETT, *Secretary.*

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL HOME MISSION STUDY COURSE.

The past year has been one of marked and increasing progress in Home Mission Study. The use of the text-book among our own Auxiliaries shows steady growth, and the demand for the book prepared for 1908 already exceeds expectations. It goes without saying that the Auxiliaries using the uniform lessons so admirably outlined in *Woman's Home Missions,* are those best acquainted with our work, and, as a matter of course, most interested in it. The calendar of the year's lessons and the lesson helps furnished each month have made the task of preparing programs comparatively easy.

The cause of Inter-Denominational fellowship was greatly promoted during the year by the inter-denominational Conferences held at Winona Lake and Silver Bay. In each of these study classes were conducted in the new text-book, "Citizens of To-morrow." An immediate and pressing duty before us is to make provision for meeting the numerous calls from summer assemblies—Epworth League, Student and other conferences—for Home Mission teaching. The opportunity is great, the danger of neglect is serious. The problem should not be left to haphazard solution or to already over-burdened workers, hence I recommend that the matter of organizing Mission Study Classes in summer assemblies and elsewhere, and of procuring teachers for them, be made the special duty of an Educational Secretary.

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Chairman of Committee.*

GENERAL PUBLICATIONS.

There has been a growing demand for our literature during the year, and we have the pleasure of reporting an increase of receipts over those of last year amounting to nearly $1,000. That the progress has been along lines that mean much for the future of our work is indicated by a decrease in the number of free leaflets sent out, and an increase in the number of "pay supplies" ordered. The demand for maps, pictures, and souvenir postals has been unexpectedly large. There has

also been gratifying growth in the number of Auxiliaries taking the monthly lesson helps—growth that has kept pace with the pursuing of the regular course of study and the use of the text-book. Nearly three thousand copies of the text-book for 1906-07, "The Incoming Millions," were sold during the year through the several offices of this deparment. This means that in hundreds of Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles the problems of immigration have been considered and the work of our society for the "strangers within our gates" has been recognized and understood as never before. Add to this the number of Home Guards that have used "Coming Americans," and we have a goodly total of students of foreign missionary work at home.

The department of General Publications is not yet self-supporting, but it comes much nearer being so each year. Perhaps it can never pay its way entirely while it sends out large quantities of supplies "free for postage." The marked increase in the cost of printing in the last few years has largely increased its expenses. But as "ignorance is indifference, and inspiration is information under another name," we do well to "devise liberal things" in the way of disseminating knowledge of our work and its needs.

The Rindge Literature Fund, that gives to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of our Church a steady income with which leaflets may be published, is suggestive of a similiar fund for our own Society. Could the friends of our work who have money to invest in it as annuity funds, or bequests, do better than to designate a few thousand dollars as a Literature Fund? In no other way could an equal amount of help be given to all other lines of service, for our leaflets and other general publications tell far and wide the needs of every Bureau, the work of each Home and school.

For the sake of economy in printing we have confined the issuing of new leaflets, with few exceptions, to the spring and fall. During the year 1906-07 we have printed as new issues 337,000 leaflets, 60,800 cards, 4,800 pictures, 5,000 pamphlets, 29,000 Thank-offering envelopes, 35,000 Day of Prayer programs, and 5,000 maps. Of reprints we have had 63,000 leaflets and 10,000 cards, making a total of more than half a million.

Through our four offices we have sent out in the form of leaflets, pamphlets, maps, cards, pictures, and Special Day supplies nearly 654,000 separate pieces. It involves no small amount of work to open, answer, and file the thousands of letters, keeping careful account of the money they contain, to count out more than 600,000 separate items, to wrap and mail the packages and keep the records given in this report. Add the filling of orders for 3,700 books, over 59,000 mite boxes, and more than 1,700 of our badges, and we may have some realization of the faithful work of our office secretaries during the year.

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Editor and Business Manager.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

Quite a number of new workers are entering our various departments of work this coming year. Owing to illness and other causes it has been necessary to make several changes in our working force.

The difficulty of securing trained workers and those who will give continuous service, thus acquiring experience, grows apace. We must depend upon our Training Schools to furnish the trained workers and upon the co-operation of our Bureau Secretaries to secure consecrated and able missionaries who are willing to go to any field and remain long enough in it to be of real service to the work.

It too often happens that missionaries are sent to fill places who are found upon trial to be incapable of doing so, notwithstanding the good recommendations they furnish the Committee.

MRS. WM. CHRISTIE HERRON, *Chairman.*

TRANSPORTATION.

Reduced railroad fare returning from the Wowan's Home Missionary Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Boston, Mass. (Brookline), from October 23 to October 30, inclusive, 1907, at one-third rate returning, was obtained for full first-class fare, either limited or unlimited, to be paid at Boston, upon complying with the following conditions:

"When you buy your ticket to Boston, ask for and obtain from the railroad ticket agent a certificate (not a receipt), showing that you paid full fare.

"On your arrival at the Convention, deliver your certificate at once to me for the purpose of submission to the special railroad agent, who will be present at the Convention Sunday, October 27th, *only*, and if there be 100 or more certificates, will validate them; and on the payment to him of 25 cents on each certificate will deliver them to their respective holders, and to them only in person.

"On a ticket so validated and delivered, a return ticket may be purchased at Boston on or before November 4th, good for a continuous passage by the same route you came, no stopover privilege being allowed on tickets sold at less than unlimited fare.

"No return ticket at reduced rates will be sold without a validated certificate or to person traveling on clerical half-rate or commutation tickets."

The above arrangements applied *only* to territory East of Pittsburg and North of the Virginias, including the New England States, and *only* if 100 certificates, or more, were presented.

The certificate plan does not apply either to the Middle West (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa), nor to the States or

Territories west thereof; nor to the Southern States, because Traffic Associations, in view of the reduction of railroad fare by law, have refused any concessions. MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

With the belief that the year 1906-07 has been the most notable in the history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for its spiritual and financial advancement, we offer our tribute of loving praise to Him who has guided us and helped us in our achievements. We thank our Heavenly Father that our National and Conference Officers have been spared to lead and direct the efforts of our Society. We thank God for the fidelity of our great army of workers in our Auxiliaries—as our Corresponding Secretary so truly said, "While the officers may plan the campaign and inspire to heroism, it is the thousands in the ranks who fight the battles and win the victories."

WHEREAS, We have been so signally blessed and guided by our divine Leader, and

WHEREAS, Less than twenty per cent of our Methodist women are members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and many are uninformed as to its plan and aim; therefore be it

Resolved, That we will more generally present the scope of our work to the people and by personal solicitation endeavor to largely increase our membership.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work of the Junior Leagues, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels, by which they are not only led to give, but are instructed in systematic giving, and are being trained for future workers.

WHEREAS, *Woman's Home Missions* enters upon its twenty-fifth year in January, 1908, and has proved itself from the beginning a power in advancing every interest of the Society, therefore

Resolved, That we make this a memorable year in the history of our magazine by a united, perstitent, and *religious* effort to introduce it into thousands of additional homes, thus fitly celebrating its Anniversary year, and at the same time largely promoting the interests of our beloved work.

WHEREAS, Our call for $2.50 per member as a Silver Offering has met with so universal a response.

Resolved, That we continue our gifts until every Conference, in recognition of pledges paid, shall have received a decorated flag.

Resolved, That we give our hearty endorsement to the work of the Standing Committee on Temperance, and bespeak, as heretofore, the loyal co-operation of the National and Conference Organizers and Conference Secretaries in this department of our work.

WHEREAS, We recognize that Sabbath desecration is a formidable foe in wining America for Christ,

Resolved, That we, as members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, be vigilant in our efforts to effect a proper usage of the God-given Day of Rest.

WHEREAS, In many States children of tender years are employed in factories of different kinds,

Resolved, That we, as a body, declare against this injustice to children, manifested in long-continued hours of service and resulting

in lack of educational and religious opportunities, and that we use our influence with legislators to bring about righteous laws regulating these evils.

MORMONISM.

WHEREAS, It is well known that the open practice of polygamy prevails in the State of Utah and adjoining States without fear of legal penalty, as shown by public testimony presented before a committee of the Senate of the United States and by facts otherwise published and admitted, and

WHEREAS, Our country is disgraced in the eyes of all civilized nations, and humiliated in the thought of every good citizen by the toleration within its boundaries of this flagrant and debasing violation of the laws of God and man; and

WHEREAS, It has been established, both by experiment and reason, that the only way this iniquity can be abolished and the purity of our boasted Anglo-Saxon civilization vindicated is by an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, whereby this crime can be penalized by the national government and this festering sore eradicated by federal authority; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as representatives of American womanhood, hereby petition the Congress of the United States to enact such a Constitutional Amendment and present it to the several States for ratification; and, in the name of the American home and for the fair fame of the land we love, we submit that this action should be taken *without further delay.* Be it further

Resolved, That for the accomplishment of this result every Auxiliary is urged to bring this matter forcibly to the attention of the representatives and senators of their several States by petition, personal communication, and in every legitimate and proper way.

Resolved, That we thank Mrs. Geo. H. Carter, Chairman of the Excursion Committee, and her able assistants who made Saturday, October 27th, a day of pleasure and profit to the delegates by conducting them to the New England Deaconess Hospital, the Deaconess Training School, the Deaconess Home, Hull Street Settlement, and East Boston Immigrants' Home.

That we commend the work being done in these institutions under the patronage of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, and express our appreciation of the hospitality extended to us by our generous hostesses.

Resolved, That we hereby extend our thanks to the Hon. John L. Bates, Ex-Governor of Massachusetts, for his gracious words of welcome to this State; to Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu for his kindly greeting and words of praise and commendation; to the Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, D. D., pastor of St. Mark's Church, for his cordial welcome and interest in our Society; to the trustees of St. Mark's Church; to all the Methodist Episcopal Churches which have in any way contributed to our comfort and pleasure; to all who have so kindly opened their homes for our entertainment, and to the ladies of the various Churches who have served such bountiful dinners and suppers for us; to Mrs. Frederick McQuestion for opening her beautiful home for a reception to the delegates; to Mrs. Katherine Bruce, organist, and Mrs. D. F. Barber, chairman of the Music Committee, for their untiring service; to all who rendered musical selections, thereby contributing so much to our pleasure; to Mrs. C. W. Gallagher for the delightful entertainment given by the young people; to Mrs. D. A. Reid for her patient

and faithful service in the post-office; to the sextons who have so faithfully performed their duties; to the following Chairmen of Committees: Mrs. O. H. Durrell, Committee on Arrangements; Mrs. C. A. Jacobs, Committee on Entertainment; Mrs. G. M. Porter, Committee on Refreshments; Mrs. G. F. Durgin, Committee on Pulpit Supply; Mrs. Sarah A. Floyd, Committee on Press and Printing; Mrs. F. B. Hawley, Committee on Badges; Mrs. A. E. Troland, Committee on Ushers; Mrs. A. H. Powers, Committee on Decorating; to the city papers which have given reports of our proceedings, especially to *Zion's Herald* for its comprehensive report and extra convention edition; and to the many others who in various ways have contributed to the success of our convention.

We shall carry with us only pleasant remembrances of our stay in beautiful Brookline, and pray God's richest blessing upon its people.

MRS. SAMUEL M. DICK, *Chairman.*
MRS. C. V. GRISMER,
MRS. J. A. CHELTON,
MRS. ABBOTT WEBSTER,
MRS. J. W. PIERCE.

ORGANIZATION.

(MRS. M. E. ROBERTS, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

I worked only part of the time during the last year, which will account for my not having a better report.

The work was done in Des Moines, Illinois, Central Illinois, and Genesee Conferences, under the leadership of the efficient Conference Secretaries and their earnest District Secretaries.

It has been a year of delightful service, made so largely by God's presence and the kindness of the people.

I have been permitted to visit a number of Churches, where I organized societies several years ago. Some of these societies died in infancy, some in childhood from lack of mothering; but I may say many of them are full grown, strong, and healthy.

My heart has been greatly encouraged "to sow beside all waters; not knowing which shall prosper, this or that."

The *results* are not *ours*, but *God's*. We must keep dropping the seeds of righteousness, praying that He may warm and water and bring forth a glorious harvest.

Number of miles traveled, 9,518; Churches visited, 126; Churches visited *having* Auxiliaries, 74; Churches visited *having* no Auxiliaries, 52; Committees formed, 11; Auxiliaries formed, 22; Members secured, 697; Honorary members secured, 50; Queen Esther Circles formed, 5, members, 72; Home Guards organized, 1, members, 21; total number of members, 840; Number of Mite-boxes, 140; Number of Jewel-boxes, 900; Subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 133; Subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*, 110; Meetings held and talks given, 174; Collections taken, $664.45.

(MRS. N. W. BASS, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

During the past year I have given nine and one-half months' of service to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the following Conferences: Northwest Indiana, Northern Minnesota, Iowa,

Maine, East Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. In each of these the door of opportunity was widely opened and the work of our Society was permitted to enter. Pastors and people alike gave me a most cordial welcome. As I complete my seventh year of service as General Organizer, I bring to the dear Christ a thank-offering of praise for His protecting care and wondrous love, and to the Woman's Home Missionary Society a tribute of gratitude for the privilege of continuous service.

Number of miles traveled, 10,500. I have spoken at four Conference anniversaries, two State conventions, four camp-meetings, twenty district meetings, two missionary conventions, one deaconess convention. Have visited many Auxiliaries for Thank-offerings, Silver Offerings, and new members. Have given 350 addresses in the work. Have made 200 personal calls; distributed 4,500 leaflets; given out 35 text-books and 250 mite-boxes; secured 255 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 25 to *Children's Home Missions;* organized 36 Auxiliaries, 8 Young People's Circles, 5 Home Guards; secured 1,651 Auxiliary members, 176 Circle members, 132 Home Guards and Jewels.

(NELLIE H. SNIDER, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

Number of miles traveled, 17,368; Auxiliaries visited, 96; Churches having no Auxiliaries, 65; new Auxiliaries organized, 21; Queen Esther Circles visited, 7; new Circles organized, 9; members in Auxiliaries, 396; members in Circles, 136; Home Guards organized, 3; members in Home Guards, 25; Mothers' Jewels Bands, 2; members in Mothers' Jewels Bands, 16; addresses made, 314; college Y. W. C. A. addresses, 4; Annual Conferences, 4; Conference Conventions, 4; District Conventions, 24; district ministerial meetings, 2; Epworth League conventions, 2; Conference Board meetings, 3; addresses at training schools, 4; missions, 5; Cunningham Home, 1; camp-meetings, 5; Sunday-schools, 21; Epworth Leagues, 7; children's meetings, 6; union meetings, 2; Day of Prayer, 1; concert (for Silver Offering), 1; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 1; Thank-offering addresses, 12; Silver Offering addresses, 4; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 80. The work of the year has been done in eleven Conferences: Des Moines, Kansas, Illinois, Rock River, Southwest Kansas, Michigan, North Nebraska, East Ohio, West Virginia, West Wisconsin, Central Pennsylvania. I am glad to record an increased interest in our work and a greater intelligence as to its needs and a corresponding effort to meet those needs. Daily manna has been provided, daily guidance has been mine, and strength sufficient has been freely given.

(MRS. M. LIBBY ALLEN, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

We come to the close of another year with gratitude to God for health and strength given to help Christ redeem this world. The way of service has led me into the following Conferences: Maine, Des Moines, Central New York, Nebraska, Upper Iowa, and Northern New York. Have worked eight months: traveled nearly 20,000 miles; spoken 300 times; raised nearly $3,800 in pledges and cash on the debt; organized 18 Auxiliaries, 8 Queen Esther Circles; 3 Home Guards; 4 Mothers' Jewels Bands; secured 100 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions,* and new members in nearly every town I visited. Have spoken in twenty-eight district meetings, and put incoming millions in many a home. I have found an increasing interest in the work and a desire to meet the demands. I think I am safe in saying that fully half, if not more, of the Silver Offering which I have raised has come from men who are interested, some of

them not even making a profession of religion. The Woman's Home Missionary Society ought to raise a half million for missions this coming year. We are now able to marshal the hosts of Methodism and march in solid phalanx until the redemption of the people in our own land is assured. A half million a year! How insignificant the gift, when all the gold and silver are the Lord's and we the stewards of His munificence! Will not this convention start the cry, A half million this coming year for this great and far-reaching work?

(MISS JOSEPHINE CORBIN AND MISS MARY A. MAHON, GENERAL ORGANIZERS.)

It is not an easy task to present the work of a year. Statistics are inadequate, but must largely serve as the vehicle of our returns to-day. We have rejoiced in all the varied service of past months, and have everywhere sought to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The following report will at least suggest something of our endeavor during the nine months spent in the field: Conferences visited, 12; miles traveled, 14,750; Auxiliaries organized, 15; Auxiliary members secured, 775; Circles organized, 23; Circle members secured, 273; Home Guards organized, 1; Annual Conference convention, 1; District Woman's Home Missionary Society conventions, 8; district ministerial meetings addressed, 8; district Epworth League conventions addressed, 3; camp-meetings addressed, 3; local Epworth Leagues addressed, 17; Sunday-schools addressed, 14; public addresses, 231; workers' conferences, 103; subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions,* 107; subscriptions for *Children's Home Missions,* 48; total collections, $1,070.18; scholarships secured, 5.

Leaflets, papers, and mite-boxes have been distributed in large numbers. The Senior and Junior text-books have been placed in Auxiliaries and children's societies. We report with special pleasure the formal organization of reading circles in three of our Auxiliaries, and the securing of individual readers in many Auxiliaries.

(MRS. F. B. CLARK, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

Since my last report given to this body, I have had many interruptions in my work and much care and anxiety—but I have tried faithfully to do "the next thing;" all of which our good Mrs. Williams understands, for she is the "Mother Confessor" of the organizers. I have visited five Conferences and have organized Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, and Mothers' Jewels. Subscriptions have been taken for *Home Missions* and the children's paper, and much literature has been distributed. The greater part of my work has been to strengthen weak organizations, helping them to take fresh courage and to press on for the "love of Christ and in His name." Another task that has fallen to me has been the raising of scholarship money, in which I have been successful. I have also assisted in raising Silver Offering and pledges. I have visited eight different institutions under the care of our Woman's Home Missionary Society and can present their needs more intelligently. I have made Conference addresses, have spoken before Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, children's Bands, and Church and parlor meetings. I have never refused an invitation, if possible to accept, to raise my voice in behalf of our righteous cause. In the spring I spoke in the Swedish Church in Boston and was honored with an invitation to give the address at their Annual Conference in Brockton, Mass. I shall never forget that meeting;

at the close of my address the body stood and sang, with great spirit, a hymn in Swedish; one of the women explained to me that the sentiment expressed was, "We will press on and do more," and that they sang it only when deeply moved.

So, dear sisters, while I have but little to report compared with other years and other workers, I give it to you joyously, for I know that the Father of us all honors the "little" that is done in His name and for His glory. Let us all remember that "The harvest of the future is but the golden ripening of to-day's sowing and that the greatest thing one can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children."

(MRS. M. C. B. MASON, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

In presenting to you the first report of my work, I bring to you first of all the hearty greetings from our colored women in the South, who appreciate most gratefully the good work which the Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing in their midst.

Our model Homes for the training of our girls in the essentials of the making of a true Christian home have a warm place in our hearts. The home is the most important factor in the building of any race, and the home is always what the woman makes it. Therefore, the work of these model Homes is all-important and lies at the very foundation of all that is being done for the permanent uplift of our people. These Homes during the past year have been crowded to their utmost capacity, and many have gone forth trained for a life of usefulness and service among their people.

My work as an organizer has not been merely to organize Auxiliaries where none existed, but to help wherever needed in putting Auxiliaries already organized upon a better working basis. In this matter I have had the heartiest co-operation of the Conference and district officers. As a result, quite an amount has been collected, and sent forward for the General Fund, with promises of better things in the future.

I have visited 3 Annual Conferences, 3 District Conferences, 2 sub-district meetings; organized 10 Auxiliaries, 11 Queen Esther Circles, 3 Mission Bands, 3 Mothers' Jewels, and delivered missionary addresses in connection therewith.

We have secured forty subscriptions for the *Woman's Home Missions,* distributed a large number of tracts, given out many mite-boxes and "Bee-hives," and in all have traveled 2,960 miles.

If such attention as the work requires shall be given to these Auxiliaries, much good can be accomplished and our work in the South become very largely self-supporting.

I am indebted to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Williams, for many kindly hints and suggestions, which has helped to make my work pleasant and enjoyable.

(MRS. ANNA ONSTOTT, RESERVE ORGANIZER.)

I have attended three Annual Conferences, one State Epworth League Convention, three district meetings, two preachers' meetings, twelve parlor meetings, and visited Auxiliaries, Epworth Leagues, and Queen Esther Circles. I have organized and re-organized Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels; secured subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions;* distributed mite-boxes and literature, and secured pledges and cash for the Silver Offering, and Student Aid and Deaconess Work.

Although the year has been a busy one, I have never enjoyed working for the Woman's Home Missionary Society more than the past year, and never have results been so manifested or the Lord's leading made so plain. My only regret is that I have not improved every opportunity to enlist recruits for our beloved Society, not for what it is, or has been, but for what its possibilities are when every woman of the Methodist Episcopal Church will enroll her name as a *paying* and a *praying* member.

MITE-BOXES.

The following orders were filled:

KIND.	NUMBER.
Mite Barrels	1,108
Mite Jugs	543
Mite Bee-hives	1,521
Folding Mite Boxes (Adults)	19,871
Queen Esther Mite Boxes	6,163
Jewel Mite Boxes	18,036
Total	47,242

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received by me in cash	$17 26
Received by me in postage stamps	1 23
Received from Treasurer for expenses	7 21
Total receipts	$25 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson	$18 49
Paid expenses, postage, expressage, etc.	7 21
Total	$25 70

AMOUNT OF MITE BOX COLLECTIONS.

CONFERENCES.	AMOUNTS.	CONFERENCES.	AMOUNTS.
Maine Conference	$101 00	East Ohio	$664 71
Vermont	69 03	North Ohio	117 58
New England	323 04	Cincinnati	1,208 09
New England Southern	277 55	Colorado	160 65
Baltimore	626 51	California	269 21
Central New York	199 10	Southern California	632 17
*Northern New York	363 74	Des Moines	343 47
New York East	572 96	Erie	451 52
New York	462 79	Genesee	415 62
New Jersey	188 72	Troy	205 21
Newark	631 24	Detroit	1,305 66
Central Pennsylvania	473 12	Michigan	436 00
Central Ohio	504 57	Minnesota	116 00
Ohio	692 72	Northern Minnesota	135 84

CONFERENCES.	AMOUNTS.
Wisconsin	$ 132 21
Wilmington	228 93
Indiana	505 60
Northwest Indiana	533 11
North Indiana	1,210 00
Illinois	267 03
Iowa	52 04
Northwest Iowa	209 23
Nebraska	50 78
North Nebraska	133 46
West Nebraska	34 14
Lexington	21 07
Kentucky	35 43
Gulf Mission	7 50
St. Louis	101 04
South Kansas	6 07
Little Rock (Adeline Smith Home)	$50 00
Puget Sound	231 24
Oregon	3 91
Rock River	750 75
Pittsburg	613 19
West Virginia	104 32
Queen Esther	4 35
Philadelphia	646 93
Pittsburg	613 19
Home Guards and Jewels	894 01
Upper Iowa	401 00
Total	$20,611 27

*NOTE—The Northern New York Conference last year reported $361.62, but the amount was omitted in the printing of the report.

SUMMARY.

The Banner Conference is Detroit	$1,305 85
The North Indiana	1,210 00
The Cincinnati	1,208 09
The Districts are generally well organized and deserve special mention.	
The following amounts have been reported from members of Auxiliaries in various Conferences:	
The Banner Member in Baltimore Conference, Mrs. John T. Grape, had one box containing	$50 00
In Newark Conference one box contained	20 00
In Newark Conference another	12 00
In Detroit Conference one box contained	12 53
In North Indiana Conference one box contained	12 50
In Rock River Conference one box contained	12 00
In East Ohio Conference one box contained	12 00
In Ohio Conference one box contained	10 00
In Colorado Conference one box contained	7 50
In Southern California Conference one box contained	6 05
In Illinois Conference one box contained	6 15
In Cincinnati Conference one box contained	6 03
In New England Conference one box contained	6 00
Mrs. Nasmyth, Little Rock, box containing	11 00
In each of these Conferences following $5.00 and over was collected:	
California Conference	5 75
Central New York Conference	5 00

San Francisco Conference	$ 5 72
North Nebraska Conference	5 25
Central Pennsylvania Conference	5 00
In Wisconsin Conference one box contained	5 93
In Northern Minnesota Conference one box contained	5 93
In Mt. Vernon, Washington Conference, one box contained	5 00
In Central Ohio Conference one box contained	5 60
In California Conference one box contained	5 75

MRS. WILLIAM M. AMPT, *Chairman*.

THE DAY OF PRAYER.

As a Society, we have undertaken a work which can only be accomplished by Divine help and guidance. If ever we begin to number our forces and calculate our wealth, and depend alone on these things, defeat is assured. Not by might, nor power; not by works or money alone can the kingdom of God be established in the hearts of men, but "by My Spirit saith the Lord." His Spirit will vitalize and energize works and gifts to inspire to larger giving and doing. Consideration of the magnitude of the work undertaken would result in utter discouragement, did we not know that God will hear and help. With this assurance, and knowing that nothing is impossible with God, we can joyfully undertake and accomplish great things in His name.

The Day of Prayer will bring us into closer relationship with God and give strength and inspiration for His work.

Special prayer should be made that woman's influence, so powerful in this land, should be arrayed on the side of God and right, and against evil of every possible kind. That she may not forget personal ministration and the little kindnesses and courtesies that mean so much and cost so little when the heart is enlisted. There is more suffering in our land for want of sympathy and love than from hunger and cold. The poor and neglected, the stranger, and the sinful should be woman's special care.

Prayer must be made for the millions of strange people constantly coming to us. That the hearts of the people may be moved with sympathy and pity for them in their loneliness and sorrow; that they may be brought to Christ, and find a home in His Church, then their coming will prove a blessing and not a curse.

The liquor-traffic, which brings nothing but waste and ruin, must not be forgotten. God will surely bring destruction to this great curse. Every department of the work, from Alaska to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will receive inspiration and help from this service. Labor will be more abundant, money will be more freely given, and the blessing of the Lord will cover it all.

Never has this nation needed Divine guidance more than in this time of great commercial prosperity. "If America fails, the world fails," but the decree still stands, "The nation and people that will not serve Me shall perish saith the Lord." Iniquity abounds. Our magnificent church edifices, costly equipments, and millions of members are bringing small returns on the investment. The Day of Prayer is an appropriate time to inquire why these things are so and to seek the remedy. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh

them shall have mercy." "Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

From all over the land reports come from societies that have found great blessing in the observance of this Day of Prayer. None can afford to neglect it. Union service is desirable where it can be arranged, but is not necessary. Programs may be had of Miss Alice Guernsey, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Do not forget the last Thursday of February, and make it a time of confession and prayer to Almighty God, that His blessing may be upon our nation, our Society, our Church, our homes, and ourselves, and reach to the darkest corners of our land.

(MRS.) MARY C. HICKMAN, *Chairman.*

THANK-OFFERING.

A circular letter was sent to Conference treasurers near the close of the fiscal year by the Chairman of the Thank-offering Committee, asking that amounts raised for Thank-offering during the year ending July 31, 1907, and, so far as known, the designation of such offerings, be reported to her. The response was such as to indicate that, while this interest has not been made prominent during the past two years owing to the gathering of our beautiful and blessed Silver Offering, yet that the sentiment is strong among our women and that we may hope for largely increased attention to it now that the Silver Offering is so nearly completed. Between fifty and sixty replies to the letter were received. Nineteen of these indicated either that no Thank-offering money had been sent to the Treasurer, or that such as had been sent in had been applied to local work or the Silver Offering. Thirty-one Conference Treasurers reported a total of $6,476.12. Of this amount, $2,137.97 was applied to the General Fund and $3,332.63 to pledges for our work.

The Conference Society reporting the largest amount raised for Thank-offering is Cincinnati,—$1,026.37—largely applied to the maintenance of Glenn Home. Erie Conference stands next with a record of $575.14, $494.01 of which was applied to the General Fund. Michigan Conference is third in the list with a Thank-offering of $572.98, all of which was turned over to the General Fund. Illinois Conference reports $557.87, nearly all of which was sent to the General Fund.

It will be seen that in the nature of the case these amounts can only be approximate since in many instances moneys unquestionably raised for Thank-offering were simply voted to the pledges or the General Fund, or some local interest, as Deaconess Work or City Missions, by the Auxiliaries, and not reported as Thank-offering.

A very general remark in reports received is this, "Now that our Silver Offering is completed, we hope to do much better for the Thank-offering."

An excellent suggestion comes from a Conference Treasurer, to this effect, that Thank-offering moneys be given to teachers' or missionaries' salaries, which is equivalent to placing it in the General Fund, and yet invests the offering with a personal interest.

Last year, as it was not deemed best to urge the Thank-offering, little was done in the way of Thank-offering supplies. Notwithstanding 27,521 Thank-offering envelopes were sent out from the New York office during the year ending July, 1907.

An excellent Thank-offering program has been prepared this year, together with invitations to the Thank-offering service, and envelopes.

The orders for these are said to be coming in in large numbers, and we have every reason to believe that our Thank-offering for the coming year will be greatly increased. (MISS) MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Chairman.*

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

Mrs. Frances G. Wright, late of Cass County, Indiana, bequeathed to the Missionary Society, in trust for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, $1,000. The Missionary Society has collected the same and paid it to our Treasurer.

Marcia L. Gilchrist, of Northfield, Vermont, after making various bequests, directs that whatever remains of her estate shall be equally divided between the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Montpelier Seminary, the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Brooklyn, and the Freedmen's Aid Society. It is represented that we will probably realize $2,000 on this bequest.

Joseph Worthington, late of Hillsboro, in 1905 gave to Martin Redkey $6,200 in trust for certain beneficences, to be paid after the death of the donor. The wording of the document creating the trust is somewhat peculiar, but our attorney claims that we are entitled to $1,000, less the expense, of this sum. Both Mr. Worthington and Mr. Redkey have died since the gift was made. The matter is now in litigation and our claim will be contested.

Mrs. Abby Hobbs, late of Providence, R. I., bequeaths to our Society $50.

Sarah E. DePuy made a will which was admitted to probate in 1901, by which she gave our Society $5,000, subject, however, to a prior life interest of Ada D. Elston, who is still living.

Mary L. O. Hinds, late of Somerville, Massachusetts, left a will by which she gives the Woman's Home Missionary Society $1,000. The estate is not yet settled.

Benjamin F. Hagler, late of Xenia, Ohio, in his will provides that one-third of the residue of his estate shall be paid to the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America. It is doubtful whether our Society will realize anything from this bequest.

Almon B. Merwin, of Kings County, New York, bequeaths to the Woman's Home Missionary Society the sum of $50.

BEQUESTS PAID DURING THE YEAR 1906-1907.

Mrs. Levi Tippin, Manhattan, Kan.	$645 00
Mrs. F. G. Wright, Cass County, Ind.	1,000 00
Mrs. Cynthia M. Jones, Round Lake, N. Y.	480 00
Mr. Laban W. Haughey, Springfield, Ohio	311 00
From the estate of Albert Ingram, Fall River, Mass.	27 00
From the estate of Alice H. Chipman, Petoskey, Mich.	350 00
From the estate of Julia E. Tyler, Rochester, N. Y.	357 00
From the estate of Mrs. Mary A. Laing, Rochester, N. Y.	55 84
Mrs. Helen M. Hill, Oakland, Pa.	250 00
Dr. C. C. Lothrop, Michigan	200 00
Total	$3,676 57

MRS. RICHARD DYMOND, *Chairman.*

INSURANCE.

Premiums paid from August 1, 1906, to July 31, 1907 (inclusive), on Insurance and amounts of policies for which such premiums are paid:

	AMOUNTS.	PREMIUMS.
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	$22,000 00	$550 00
Camden, S. C.—Browning Industrial School	4,800 00	104 00
Marshall, Tex.—King Home	12,000 00	360 00
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Industrial Home	3,800 00	81 52
York Co., Neb.—Mothers' Jewels Home	17,045 00	332 40
Little Rock, Ark.—Adeline Smith Industrial Home	3,750 00	84 38
Savannah, Ga.—Haven Industrial Home	14,900 00	318 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Industrial Home, Bennett Academy, Dixon Hall	9,000 00	350 00
Cincinnati, Ohio.—Glenn Home	9,500 00	62 70
Orangeburg, S. C.—Simpson Home	4,500 00	112 50
Lenoir, N. C.	1,500 00	30 00
Greensboro, N. C.—Kent Industrial Home	3,000 00	120 00
Ponca, Oklahoma	400 00	12 00
Jacksonville, Fla.—Boylan Home	4,600 00	123 00
Atlanta, Ga.—Thayer Home	8,000 00	160 00
Unalaska, Alaska.—Jesse Lee Home	4,000 00	120 00
Ocala, Fla.—Emerson Memorial Home	2,100 00	63 00
Dulce, New Mexico	2,000 00	40 00
Elsinor, Utah	150 00	3 75
Mt. Pleasant, Utah.—Thompson Home	1,200 00	35 50
New York Office, 150 Fifth Ave.	1,300 00	29 58
Provo, Utah.—East Ohio Home	100 00	2 50
Austin, Texas	2,500 00	100 00
Spring City, Utah.—Leech Home	125 00	3 13
Moroni, Utah.—Gurley Home	125 00	3 13
Additional Prem. on Stuy. P. No. 516,524, Clarkson, Miss.		9 58
Total		$3,210 67

Cincinnati Ohio, July 31, 1907.
Magly & Mayer, Agents.

MRS. GEO. H. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance reformers have had something more than the righteousness of their cause to encourage them during the past year.

Two States, Georgia and Oklahoma, have declared for constitutional prohibition, and even our enemy, through its organizations and its press, predicts that ten other States will be dry in the near future. More than one-half of the territory and one-third of the population of the United States are now under some form of legal prohibition. The *Liquor Beverage*, of New York, says: "We dislike to acknowledge it, but we really believe the entire liquor business has overstayed its opportunity to protect itself against the onward march of prohibition, which, in some sections of the country, is advancing like a prairie fire, with not a hand

raised to stop its progress. Five years ago a united industry might have kept back the situation that now confronts us, but to-day it is too late—we might as well try to keep out the Hudson River with a whiskbroom."

Another indication of progress is Judge Artman's decision that all liquor license laws are unconstitutional, because of numerous Supreme Court decisions that lawmakers can not barter away the public virtue, the public peace, or the public health: and the people themselves can not do it.

Six States have laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. This greatest enemy of boys' advance is shown also in total abstinence requirements by athletic societies and life insurance companies, and the exclusion of saloon-keepers, bartenders, and liquor dealers from membership in sixty-five fraternal organizations.

The negro problem and race riot have compelled the South to take advanced position on this question, so business competition and efficiency of service are forcing railroads and business corporations to demand total abstinence of their employees. There are over one million members in the Catholic Total Abstinence Union. One of the most notable victories of the year is the experience of Kansas City, Kansas, in her battle for law enforcement, resulting in the complete overthrow of the liquor despotism that had so long ruled that city, with a remarkable increase of wealth and population and corresponding reduction in crime and lawlessness.

Two successful World's Congresses of the enemies of alcohol prove this to be a world's temperance reform. Aroused public conscience is indicated by the Inter-denominational Church Conference at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, of one hundred delegates from sixteen denominations to plan for a Church Temperance Federation. The attitude of the press is noticeably more favorable, and many magazines and periodicals are refusing liquor advertising. Mr. McClure, of McClure's Magazine, declares that "the great, live question of the next three years will be the effort to crush the saloon with the tributary vicious business."

The increasing number of judges that are following the "pledge parole" plan for drunkards and Juvenile Court offenders, initiated by Judge Pollard, of St. Louis, and Judge Lindsay, of Denver. The appeal of the Yuma Indians to the President for protection from the "white man's fire-water" is suggestive.

The Pure Food Law has helped: its revelations of "blended whiskies" made from coloring matter, fusel oil, essence of bourbon, and alcohol have appalled some. J. B. Goode, general manager of the St. Louis Wholesale Liquor Association, is reported to have said: "We retail dealers have allowed the reduction rogues to swindle us out of millions by substituting for good whisky, which we paid them for, a compound which would kill a horse if he drank it. We have unwittingly sold this accursed poison to the youth and flower of our manhood, many of whom have been crazed, have lost their honor and all by it." The trade's plea for "pure liquor" does not disturb the scientist. Minnesota's State chemist has just completed an examination of a miscellaneous collection of liquors which have been sent in for analysis on the ground that they contained adulterations.

In his report, Mr. Hortvet insists that "alcohol is without doubt the worst poison in whisky, whether pure or blended." The army ban was placed on coca cola to save soldiers' health, because Prof. Wiley reports in the majority of samples he tested he found cocaine and caffeine. The expose of alcoholic proprietary medicine frauds continues. We can even report slight gain in our own little corner. Fourteen more Conferences have elected Temperance Secretaries, making a total of forty-one Conferences

with four hundred District and Auxiliary Temperance Secretaries, many of them trained, experienced, consecrated workers. May we not believe they have contributed their full quota to this tremendous gain in public sentiment? Many have reported definite, aggressive work done in educational lines, teaching the children in Sunday-school and public schools, holding medal contests, lectures, temperance sermons, and prayer-meetings.

We have talked and prayed, handed out the temperance literature—nine hundred thousand pages of it—more than one hundred thousand pages not provided by the General Secretary. The increasing orders for temperance literature is encouraging. Orders for definite number of certain selections have been easily filled, but when the request comes, "We are in the midst of a no-license campaign; send us all the temperance literature possible," or, "Can use advantageously all you can provide," or, "We have placed Woman's Home Missionary Society boxes for leaflets in our railroad stations; can use almost unlimited amount," or, "For our own district meeting or Sabbath-school Rally or League Convention"—have been compelled because of limited funds to send meager supply, though deeply deploring the lost opportunity.

Subscriptions to *Youths' Temperance Banner, Crusader Monthly, National Temperance Advocate* have been sent to thirty of our homes and schools. Petition blanks were forwarded to every Temperance Secretary on my list, and some few have reported to me that they secured the endorsement of their society and forwarded the petition to Representatives in Congress. I trust more has been done in these lines than has been reported. We have not emphasized reporting as we should have done.

For the coming season there will be the same old contest to continue protection to our soldier boys from liquor selling in the army canteen; to work for the passage of the McCumber-Sperry bill to drive out liquor selling from all Government buildings. Already Congress has passed laws prohibiting the sale of liquor in all immigrant stations, army buildings, and the capitol building at Washington.

The Hepburn-Dolliver bill (Littlefield-Carmack) should be pressed more vigorously next winter to protect prohibition States from C. O. D. liquor-traffic, and also some national interstate anti-cigarette bill.

We must publish the facts of this blood-money revenue of one hundred and ninety-five million dollars: that it costs more to care for the results of the drink traffic, sixteen dollars to one received.

Opium, too, is powerfully entrenched at the Internal Revenue office. Twelve thousand one hundred and fifty licensed opium smokers are in the Philippine Islands, while heathen China is emancipating herself from this curse!

Our Board of Managers passed the following resolution, presented by Bishop Mallalieu, promising its co-operation:

"*Resolved,* That, so far as practicable, we will make a special effort to have our congregations and Sunday-schools observe the Fourth of July of each year as a day consecrated to the promotion of the temperance reform; that we will especially seek to interest our children and young people in this movement; that, with songs, music, speeches, and various services in our churches, public halls, or groves, we will strive to promote the proper and Christian celebration of the birthday of the nation in the cultivation of a sound temperance revival; and, finally, that we invite the co-operation of all religious bodies, temperance organizations, young people's societies of whatever name, and all Churches, Sunday-schools, pastors, patriots, and philanthropists in this effort to save our nation from the curse of drink."

One thousand leaflets containing this resolution were sent out, and

some of our women responded by holding temperance picnics as recommended. Another year more ought to be accomplished in this important movement for a sane Fourth of July.

The crusade against beer should be pushed vigorously. This delusion that beer is a temperance drink should be refuted by "Scientific Testimony on Beer," a leaflet that can be secured in many languages. The *Scientific American* says beer drinking produces the very lowest forms of inebriety, closely allied to criminal insanity. The most dangerous class of tramps and ruffians in our large cities are beer drinkers.

Let us educate, agitate, and organize. Continue to give this department most earnest, tactful women.

(MRS.) CAROLINE MCDOWELL, *Chairman Committee.*

BY-LAWS.

Your committee recommend the following:

Page 334. Because of the action of this body to make a fixed date for the Annual Meeting, eliminate Article I, Section 1. Article II becomes Article I.

A committee of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, which shall occur on the third Wednesday of October. The place of the meeting shall be fixed at the previous meeting of the Board of Managers; if not provided for, it shall be determined by this committee, who shall announce the time and place in the Church papers.

Page 335, Article IV, Bureaus, No. 13.—Strike out "Indian and Frontier Work" and insert "Pacific Coast Indian Bureau."

Article XII, page 336.—Eliminate Article XII, and insert, "The Pacific Coast Indian Bureau shall supervise the work of the Society at Stickney Home, Ukiah and Yuma Missions."

Page 336, Article *i*.—Strike out "who may be" and insert "a." Strike out "Standing," same paragraph.

Page 336, Article *l*.—Strike out "Chairman" and insert in its place "Committee." To read thus: "The Presidents of the National Training Schools shall be nominated by the Committee of the National Training Schools and elected by the Board of Trustees.

Page 337.—Between *q* and *r* insert, "There shall be a Standing Committee for the purpose of creating and enlarging the Permanent Deaconess Fund."

Page 341, Section 7, Article III.—Strike out "visiting" and eliminate the last sentence.

Insert a new Article, No. 6. "The payment of $10 shall constitute a Junior Life Membership for those of fourteen years of age or younger."

Page 342, Article I.—Strike out "and shall also," and insert "This Executive Board shall."

Insert after Article VII the following clause: "No Conference shall be allowed to have salaried officers except the Conference Organizer, and her salary shall be such as has been provided for by the By-laws of the Society."

Page 343, Between Aritcles XIII and XIV.—"Mite-box and Thank-offering money raised under the auspices of the Society shall be devoted *only* to some department of the work of the Society. Also that the Constitution for Mothers' Jewels take its place in regular order in the Annual Report, page 348."

Mrs. Gallagher called attention to the proposed changes in the Constitution of the Society, in regard to which all the requirements of publication had been met. The change recommends that there be added to Section 5, Article III, the following words, "also one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more young people's organizations." On motion, the amendment was adopted. MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Chairman.*

IN MEMORIAM.

At the very impressive memorial service held Friday morning, October 25th, loving tributes were paid to the memory of Rev. Richard Sutton Rust, the Rev. James M. King, Gen. Watts De Peyster, Mr. J. Gordon R. Wright, Mrs. Charles W. Smith, Mrs. Helen Mathews, Mrs. A. D. Knapp, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens Dodds, Mrs. Lucy A. Wilcox, Mrs. B. F. Ham, Miss May Parrish, Miss Margaretta Churchwell, Miss Lula Hine, Miss Calista Dunn, Miss Elizabeth Welch, Mrs. Pamelia Felt, Mrs. Ward D. Platt, Miss Mary E. Mohler, and Miss Mary Tripp.

EDITOR OF ANNUAL REPORT.

Judging from the orders received for the Twenty-fifth Annual Report, the interest in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society along all lines grows apace. Only a few responded to the call to return any surplus, held by Secretaries who had ordered too generously, to the Cincinnati office for the additional supply needed there. It is recommended that the same number be published next year, and the request is renewed that great care be used in the ordering and distribution so that none be wasted—the cost of publication being too great to warrant misuse. (MISS) FRANCES A. FISH.

APPROPRIATIONS

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For the Year Ending July 31, 1908.

Southern Work.

THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.		
Salary ($300 conditional)	$1,850 00	
Repairs (conditional)	200 00	
Kindergarten	300 00	
City mission work (conditional)	200 00	
Bath-room (conditional)	200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	875 00	
Girls' trades building ($25,000), (conditional)		
		$3,625 00
Unconditional	$1,850 00	
Conditional	1,775 00	
HAVEN HOME AND SCHOOL, SAVANNAH, GA.		
Salary ($280 conditional)	$2,060 00	
Repairs, furnishing, and supplies (conditional)	500 00	
Preparing and furnishing new school room (cond'l),	204 50	
Furniture and supplies for Kindergarten (cond'l),	101 50	
Scholarships for kindergarten (conditional)	100 00	
Student aid (conditional)	800 00	
		3,766 00
Unconditional	$1,780 00	
Conditional	1,986 00	
SPEEDWELL MISSION, SPEEDWELL, GA.		
Salary ($30 conditional)	$480 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)	200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	160 00	
		840 00
Unconditional	$450 00	
Conditional	390 00	
BOYLAN HOME AND SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—		
Salary ($360 conditional)	$2,880 00	
Current expenses, furnishings, and repairs (conditional)	500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	600 00	
		3,980 00
Unconditional	$2,520 00	
Conditional	1,460 00	
BREWSTER NURSE-TRAINING SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Salary ($300 conditional)	$960 00	
Repairs and improvements (conditional)	100 00	
Student aid (conditional)	200 00	
		1,260 00
Unconditional	$660 00	
Conditional	600 00	

SETTLEMENT WORK, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Salary ($200 conditional)	$640 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)	225 00	
Telephone	70 00	
Horse and wagon (conditional)	175 00	
Student aid (conditional)	150 00	
Building ($1,500 conditional)		
		$1,160 00
Unconditional	$440 00	
Conditional	720 00	

EMERSON HOME AND SCHOOL, OCALA, FLA.

Salary ($300 conditional)	$1,160 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)	275 00	
Student aid (conditional)	300 00	
		1,735 00
Unconditional	$860 00	
Conditional	875 00	

ALLEN HOME AND SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Salary ($100 conditional)	$1,720 00	
Fuel, light, and water ($300 conditional)	600 00	
Current expenses, improvements, and repairs ($200 conditional)	500 00	
Building (conditional)	2,000 00	
Repairs on roof	150 00	
Student aid (conditional)	600 00	
		5,570 00
Unconditional	$2,370 00	
Conditional	3,200 00	

BROWNING HOME AND SCHOOL, CAMDEN, S. C.—

Salary	$1,960 00	
Fuel, light, water, and repairs (conditional)	500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	625 00	
Plantation work (conditional)	60 00	
Service pipe and laundry ($455 conditional)	1,500 00	
		4,645 00
Unconditional	$3,005 00	
Conditional	1,640 00	

KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.

Salary	$560 00	
Student aid (conditional)	450 00	
Domestic Science Teacher (conditional)	250 00	
		1,260 00
Unconditional	$560 00	
Conditional	700 00	

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE HOME, MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Salary

	$600 00	
Student aid (conditional)	400 00	
		1,000 00
Unconditional	$600 00	
Conditional	400 00	

ELIZABETH RITTER HOME, ATHENS, TENN.

Salary ($100 conditional)		$725 00	
Current expenses and repairs ($170 conditional)		200 00	
Student aid (conditional)		1,250 00	
*Heating plant and repairs (conditional)		1,500 00	
Reappropriation (conditional)		500 00	
			$4,175 00
Unconditional	$655 00		
Conditional	3,520 00		

E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.

Salary ($120 conditional)		$750 00	
Current expenses (conditional)		350 00	
Repairs (conditional)		800 00	
Student aid (conditional)		250 00	
			2,150 00
Unconditional	$630 00		
Conditional	1,520 00		

BENNETT HOME, CLARKSON, MISS.

Salary ($25 conditional)		$700 00	
Current expenses (conditional)		500 00	
Improvements on building ($200 conditional)		500 00	
Student aid (conditional)		375 00	
			2,075 00
Unconditional	$975 00		
Conditional	1,100 00		

BENNETT ACADEMY, CLARKSON, MISS.

Salary ($200 conditional)		$1,800 00	
Current expenses (conditional)		200 00	
			2,000 00
Unconditional	$1,600 00		
Conditional	400 00		

DICKSON HALL, CLARKSON, MISS.

Salary		$315 00	
Current expenses (conditional)		200 00	
			515 00
Unconditional	$315 00		
Conditional	200 00		

ADELINE SMITH HOME, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Salary		$640 00	
Current expenses and repairs ($575 conditional)		600 00	
Student aid (conditional)		800 00	
New building $1,500, (conditional)			
			2,040 00
Unconditional	$665 00		
Conditional	1,375 00		

MISSION WORK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

English Mission—Salary		$360 00	
			360 00
Unconditional	$360 00		

* $1,500 additional outside auxiliaries.

PECK SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND ART, NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.			
Salary		$640 00	
Current expenses and furnishing ($250 conditional)		500 00	
Student aid (conditional)		50 00	
			$1,190 00
Unconditional	$890 00		
Conditional	300 00		
KING HOME, MARSHALL, TEX.			
Salary ($70 conditional)		$1,280 00	
Student aid (conditional)		500 00	
			1,780 00
Unconditional	$1,210 00		
Conditional	570 00		
ELIZA DEE HOME, AUSTIN, TEX.			
Salary		$640 00	
Student aid (conditional)		200 00	
			840 00
Unconditional	$640 00		
Conditional	200 00		
REBECCA MCCLESKY HOME, BOAZ, ALA.			
Salary ($375 conditional)		$960 00	
Current expenses		350 00	
*Building fund (conditional)		5,000 00	
Furnishings (conditional)		600 00	
Student aid (conditional)		1,250 00	
			8,160 00
Unconditional	$935 00		
Conditional	7,225 00		
EBENEZER C. MITCHELL HOME AND SCHOOL, NORTH CAROLINA.			
Salary ($70 conditional)		$640 00	
Fuel and light ($50 conditional)		100 00	
Repairs and furnishing (conditional)		100 00	
Student aid (conditional)		500 00	
			1,340 00
Unconditional	$620 00		
Conditional	720 00		
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NORTH CAROLINA ($50 conditional)		$400 00	
			400 00
Unconditional	$350 00		
Conditional	50 00		
HIGHLAND WORK, HOLSTON CONFERENCE		$300 00	
			300 00
Unconditional	$300 00		
Total for Southern Work, Unconditional			$25,230 00
Conditional			30,926 00

Utah.

ELSINORE, COLUMBUS HOME.—Salary	790 00
EPHRAIM, PALMER HOME.—Missionary	350 00

*$5,000 additional outside of Auxiliaries.

LOGAN, PHILADELPHIA HOME—Missionary		$360 00
MORONI, GURLEY HOME—Teacher and missionary		720 00
MT. PLEASANT, THOMSON MISSION		360 00
OGDEN—Salary		250 00
PROVO		360 00
SALT LAKE CITY, DAVIS DEACONESS HOME		1,345 00
Deaconess at large		250 00
SPRING CITY, LEECH HOME.—Teacher and missionary		720 00
Supplies for schools (conditional)		200 00
Incidentals (conditional)		200 00
(Of the above salary $775 is conditional.)		
		$5,905 00
Total for Utah, Unconditional	$4,730 00	
Conditional	1,175 00	

Spanish Work.

HARWOOD HOME, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.		
Salary ($480 conditional)	$2,000 00	
Building, heating, and plumbing (conditional)	2,000 00	
Fire escapes (conditional)	1,000 00	
Furnishing (conditional)	100 00	
Current expenses ($150 conditional)	300 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,800 00	
		7,300 00
Unconditional	$1,770 00	
Conditional	5,530 00	
TUCSON, ARIZONA.		
Salary, rent, and incidentals ($120 conditional)	$960 00	
Current expenses ($700 conditional)	1,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	800 00	
Building ($5,000 conditional)		
		2,760 00
Unconditional	$1,140 00	
Conditional	1,620 00	
PORTO RICO, GEO. O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL HOME, SAN TURCE.		
Salary	$1,320 00	
Current Expenses and Improvements ($350 conditional)	750 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,600 00	
Water pipes	500 00	
Farmer	300 00	
		4,470 00
Unconditional	$2,020 00	
Conditional	2,450 00	
MCKINLEY DAY-SCHOOL, SAN JUAN.		
Salary	$1,200 00	
Current expenses (conditional)	250 00	
Student aid (conditional)	950 00	
		2,400 00
Unconditional	$1,200 00	
Conditional	1,200 00	
Ponce, Salary ($250 conditional)	$500 00	
		500 00
Training School, Students' Aid (conditional)	$400 00	
		400 00

FRANCES DEPAUW INDUSTRIAL HOME, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.		
Salary ($440 conditional)	$1,440 00	
Current expenses ($200 conditional)	360 00	
Hospital and School-room (conditional)	2,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	2,000 00	
		$5,940 00
Unconditional	$1,300 00	
Conditional	4,640 00	
Total for Spanish Work, Unconditional	$7,680 00	
Conditional	16,090 00	

Indian and Mexican Work.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA, DULCE.		
Salary	$840 00	
Current expenses ($150 conditional)	300 00	
Student aid (conditional)	200 00	
		1,340 00
Unconditional	$990 00	
Conditional	350.00	
NAVAJOES, FARMINGTON, N. M.		
Salary ($220 conditional)	$1,570 00	
Current expenses ($150 conditional)	300 00	
Irrigation and fence ($150 conditional)	300 00	
Student aid (conditional)	600 00	
Horse and Improvements (conditional)	350 00	
		3,120 00
Unconditional	$1,650 00	
Conditional	1,470 00	
INDIAN AND FRONTIER, PONCA, OKLAHOMA.		
Salary	$480 00	
Current Expenses (conditional)	50 00	
PAWNEES.		
Salary	480 00	
Incidentals and Repairs (conditional)	125 00	
POTTAWATOMIES, KANSAS.		
Salary ($560 conditional)	860 00	
Current expenses ($25 conditional)	75 00	
Horses and wagon (conditional)	250 00	
UKIAH.		
Salary ($160 conditional)	360 00	
Incidentials (conditional)	75 00	
Student aid (conditional)	300 00	
		3,055 00
Unconditional	$1,510 00	
Conditional	1,545 00	
STICKNEY HOME, LYNDEN, WASHINGTON.		
Salary ($108 conditional)	$1,080 00	
Current expenses (conditional)	600 00	
Repairs (conditional)	100 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,600 00	
		3,380 00
Unconditional	$972 00	
Conditional	2,408 00	

Yuma Indians, California.			
Salary		$500 00	
Total for Indian and Mexican Work,			
Unconditional	$5,622 00		
Conditional	5,773 00		

Alaska.

Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska.			
Salary ($360 conditional)		$1,940 00	
Current expenses ($70 conditional)		360 00	
Student aid (conditional)		2,000 00	
Hospital (conditional)		300 00	
			$4,600 00
Unconditional	$1,870 00		
Conditional	2,730 00		
Sinuk Mission.			
Salary ($240 conditional)		$1,140 00	
Current Expenses (conditional)		360 00	
Building and site ($1,500 conditional)		2,000 00	
Tents, Carpenters' tools, etc. (conditional)		300 00	
Student aid (conditional)		70 00	
Unconditional	$1,400 00		
Conditional	2,470 00		
Total for Alaska, unconditional		$3,270 00	
Total for Alaska, conditional		5,200 00	

Immigrant Work.

New York.			
Salary ($96 conditional)		$960 00	
Current expenses (conditional)		750 00	
Domestic (conditional)		230 00	
Rent		2,500 00	
			4,440 00
Unconditional	$3,364 00		
Conditional	1,076 00		
East Boston.			
Salary		$1,236 00	
Fuel, light, and current expenses (conditional)		270 00	
Repairs (conditional)		300 00	
Rent (conditional)		400 00	
			2,206 00
Unconditional	$1,236 00		
Conditional	970 00		
Philadelphia ($120 conditional)		$300 00	
			300 00
Unconditional	$180 00		
Conditional	120 00		
Total for Immigrant Work,			
Unconditional	$4,780 00		
Conditional	2,166 00		

Oriental—Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.		
Salary and current expenses ($100 conditional)	$2,500 00	
*Building (conditional)	7,500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,600 00	
Kindergarten (conditional)	600 00	
Los Angeles	300 00	
		$5,000 00
Unconditional	$2,700 00	
Conditional	2,300 00	

Oriental—Japanese and Korean.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.		
Salary and Current expenses ($400 conditional)	$2,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,500 00	
Kindergarten (conditional)	300 00	
Los Angeles	300 00	
Building (conditional)	1,000 00	
		5,100 00
Unconditional	$1,900 00	
Conditional	3,200 00	
HAWAII.		
Salary and Current expenses ($300 conditional)	$1,200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,000 00	
Building and Repairs (conditional)	2,500 00	
		4,700 00
Unconditional	$900 00	
Conditional	3,800 00	
ATTORNEY'S SERVICES, SAN FRANCISCO.	$50 00	
Unconditional		50 00
Total for Oriental Work,		
Unconditional	$5,550 00	
Conditional	9,300 00	

Children's Homes.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME, YORK, NEB.		
Salary ($300 conditional)	$2,816 00	
Hospital (conditional)	500 00	
Current expenses and repairs ($1,000 conditional)	1,184 00	
Bath-room	500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	3,000 00	
Building fund ($3,500 conditional)		
		8,100 00
Unconditional	$3,200 00	
Conditional	4,900 00	
WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME, TIVOLI, N. Y.		
Salary	$2,000 00	
Farmer	750 00	
Current expenses ($1,200 conditional)	1,900 00	
Hospital (conditional)	3,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	2,200 00	
		10,150 00
Unconditional	$3,450 00	
Conditional	6,700 00	

*$2,500 to be raised on the Pacific Coast.

ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY HOME, HULTON, PA. (Post-office, Oakmont, Pa.)		
Salary and current expenses (if needed)	$2,000 00	
" " " " (conditional)	5,000 00	
		$7,000 00
Unconditional (if needed)	$2,000 00	
Conditional	5,000 00	
CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE, URBANA, ILL.		
Salary and current expenses ($900 conditional)	$1,400 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,000 00	
		2,400 00
Total for Children's Homes,		
Unconditional	$8,150 00	
Conditional	18,500 00	

Training Schools for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING-SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.		
Salary	$3,240 00	
Current expenses ($940 conditional)	6,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	5,000 00	
		14,240 00
Unconditional	$8,300 00	
Conditional	5,940 00	
SIBLEY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.—		
FISK TRAINING-SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MO.		
Salary and current expenses ($1,000 conditional)	$3,200 00	
*Student aid (conditional)	2,000 00	
		5,200 00
Unconditional	$2,200 00	
Conditional	3,000 00	
BIBLE TRAINING-SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.		
Salary	$2,000 00	
Repairs and current expenses ($2,400 conditional)	4,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,000 00	
Debt	1,000 00	
		8,000 00
Unconditional	$4,600 00	
Conditional	3,400 00	
Total for Training Schools,		
Unconditional	$15,100 00	
Conditional	12,340 00	

Deaconess Work (conditional).

Aldrich Memorial Home, Grand Rapids, Mich	$2,500 00
" " " " " " $3,000 00	
Baltimore Home	8,000 00
Bidwell Home and Iowa Bible Training School, Des Moines, Iowa	4,240 00
Brooklyn Home, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5,300 00
Burge Hospital, Springfield, Mo	4,045 00
Cleveland Home, Cleveland, Ohio	4,200 00
Colorado Conference Deaconess Home	3,000 00

* $2,000 additional outside of auxiliaries.

Colorado Springs Sanitarium	$7,800 00	
Detroit Home, Detroit, Mich	3,600 00	
Earl Munson Deaconess Home, Toledo, Ohio	2,300 00	
Genesee Conference Home, Buffalo, N. Y	4,000 00	
Griffin Deaconess Home, Albany, N. Y	3,000 00	
Holloway Home, Bridgeport, Ohio	1,600 00	
Keokuk Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa	8,500 00	
Knoxville Deaconess Home	400 00	
Martinsburg, W. Va	1,000 00	
Newark Deaconess Home	2,000 00	
New Haven, Conn., Deaconess Home	3,500 00	
Jersey City Deaconess Home	2,000 00	
Ohio Conference Deaconess Home, Columbus, Ohio	2,000 00	
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	8,500 00	
Pittsburg Deaconess Home	3,000 00	
Portland, Me., Deaconess Home	2,500 00	
Shesler Home, Sioux City, Iowa	3,000 00	
Southern California Home, Los Angeles, Cal	4,500 00	
Southern Illinois, East St. Louis	400 00	
Southwest Kansas Home, Wichita, Kan	1,500 00	
St. Paul, Minn	1,000 00	
Washington Deaconess Home	4,000 00	
Total for Deaconess Homes		$101,385 00

Rest Homes for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

BANCROFT REST HOME, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.		
Salary and current expenses ($448 conditional)	$880 00	
Balance on property (conditional)	500 00	
		$1,380 00
THOMPSON REST HOME, MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, MD. (Conditional)		900 00
CAROLINE REST HOME, ROUND LAKE, N. Y. (Conditional)		200 00
HUNTINGTON PARK, CAL. (Conditional)		500 00
ELVIRA OLNEY REST HOME, LUDINGTON, MICH. (Conditional)		300 00
WING REST HOME (conditional)		300 00
Total for Rest Homes		$3,580 00
Unconditional	$432 00	
Conditional	3,148 00	

City Mission Work.

ELIZABETH E. MARCY HOME, CHICAGO, ILL.		
Salary ($130 conditional)	$2,380 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)	1,650 00	
Building ($10,000 conditional)		
		4,030 00
Unconditional	$2,250 00	
Conditional	1,780 00	
ADA STREET MISSION, CHICAGO, ILL.—(Conditional)	$390 00	
		390 00

SOUTH CHICAGO—(Conditional)	$325 00	
SPRING VALLEY—(Conditional)	300 00	
		$625 00

Italian Work (Conditional.)

Central Pennsylvania Conference	$200 00	
Chicago, Ill.	740 00	
Kingston, Pa.	50 00	
Portland, Me.	100 00	
Providence, R. I.	200 00	
Rochester, N. Y.	500 00	
Syracuse, N. Y.	200 00	
Utica, N. Y. (unconditional)	500 00	
Total for Italian Work		$2,490 00
Unconditional	$500 00	
Conditional	1,990 00	
GLENN HOME, CINCINNATI, OHIO.		
Salary and current expenses (conditional)	$6,000 00	
		6,000 00
HULL STREET SETTLEMENT, BOSTON, MASS.		
Current expenses ($3,750 conditional)	$4,200 00	
		4,200 00
Unconditional	$450 00	
Conditional	3,750 00	
Total for City Work		$12,380 00
Unconditional	$3,000 00	
Conditional	15,835 00	

Swedish Work.

Central Swedish Conference ($500 conditional)	$800 00	
Brooklyn, N. Y. (conditional)	100 00	
Finnish Work, California Conference (conditional)	100 00	
Indian Work, Wisconsin Conference (conditional)	100 00	
Total		$1,100 00

Conference Work (Conditional).

Central New York Conference	$650 00	
Central Pennsylvania Conference	1,000 00	
Erie Conference	100 00	
Michigan Conference	400 00	
New England Southern, Italian Work	100 00	
Northern Minnesota Conference (Finnish Work, $150)	450 00	
Oklahoma Conference	350 00	
Pittsburg Conference	1,000 00	
Southern California Conference	1,500 00	
Upper Iowa Conference	200 00	
Vermont Conference	150 00	
West Wisconsin Conference	400 00	
North West Indiana Conference	1,000 00	
North Indiana Conference	1,000 00	
Indiana Conference	5,000 00	
Puget Sound Conference	300 00	
		$13,700 00

Travel of missionaries to and from fields	$3,500 00	
Printing accounts (Reports, Leaflets, Blanks, Stationery, etc.)	3,500 00	
Organizers	5,500 00	
Secretaries—Corresponding, Field, and Bureau	4,000 00	
Publisher and Editor Woman's and Children's Home Missions	1,700 00	
		$18,200 00

INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND TAXES.

Interest on Annuities, Endowments, and Notes	$8,500 00	
Insurance	1,500 00	
		$10,000 00

ADMINISTRATION.

Attorney's fee	$600 00	
Office expenses	6,500 00	
nIcidentals and Gen. Conf. Expenses	3,500 00	
		$10,600 00

Grand Total		$359,432 00
Unconditional		123,344 00
Conditional	Student aid	39,655 00
	Special fund	196,183 00

PLEDGES.

THAYER HOME.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit, $320; North Indiana, $320; Philadelphia, $5. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $5; Michigan, $25; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid: Kindergarten*—Colorado, $5; Erie, $10; Genesee, $15; Maine, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Oregon, $15; Troy, $10; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $10; Vermont, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $25; Detroit (Circles), $30; East Ohio, $50; Lexington, $10; Maine, $5; Minnesota, $15; Nebraska, $40; New England, $110; New England Southern, $100; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $75; North Ohio, $10; Philadelphia, $85; Southern California, $40; Washington, $60; Wisconsin, $60; Wyoming, $25; Vermont, $50; Puget Sound, $50. *Building:* Atlanta, $150; Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $35; East Ohio, $100; Illinois, $5; Newark, $50; New York, $5; New Jersey, $15; New York East, $25; Rock River, $500; Upper Iowa, $50. *Repairs:* Wyoming, $15.

HAVEN HOME.—*Salary:* Erie, $300; Philadelphia, $100. *Current Expenses:* North Indiana, $25; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $20; East Ohio, $50; New England, $50; Philadelphia, $200; Washington, $10; Northern Minnesota, $45. *Kindergarten Supplies:* Philadelphia, $25. *Repairs:* Wyoming, $25.

SPEEDWELL MISSION.—*Current Expenses*—Minnesota, $10; Pittsburg, $10. *Student Aid:* Minnesota, $15; New York East, $10; North Ohio, $10; North Nebraska, $40; Northern New York, $25; Philadelphia, $25; (special) Genesee, $5.

BOYLAN HOME.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $360; North Indiana, $320; Wisconsin, $5. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $20; Cincinnati, $10; Genesee, $5; Indiana, $20; Pittsburg, $35; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* California, $10; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $25; East Ohio $50; Illinois, $100; Michigan, $25; New England, $20; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $90; New York, $5; New Jersey, $15; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $150; North Ohio, $40; Northern New York, $10; Ohio, $50; Southern California, $10; Washington, $10; North Dakota, $10. *Special:* Central New York, $30; Ohio (horse), $5. *Repairs:* Wyoming, $25 *Settlement: Current Expenses*—Michigan, $10; New York East, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Special:* California, $10; Rock River, $100. *Student Aid:* Indiana, $55; New Hampshire, $25; Maine, $20. *Horse:* Des Moines, $10; Upper Iowa, $10. *Feed for Horse:* East Ohio, $50.

BREWSTER NURSE-TRAINING.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $50.80; New England, $10. *Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Michigan, $10; North Indiana, $50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $20; Northwest Indiana, $25.

EMERSON HOME.—*Salary:* East Ohio, $250; Illinois, $10. *Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; Erie, $35; Michigan, $25; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50; New England Southern, $25; North Indiana, $50; North Ohio, $10; Ohio, $50; Pittsburg, $10; Southwest Kansas, $80; Maine, $40.

ALLEN HOME.—*Salary:* East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $55. *Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $25; Upper Iowa,

$25. *Student Aid:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Central Illinois, $10; Delaware, $35; Des Moines, $125; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $40; Kansas, $20; Michigan, $15; Nebraska, $40; Newark, $30; New Hampshire, $40; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $15; North Indiana, $21; North Ohio, $15; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $30. *Building:* Central Ohio, $50; Central New York, $5; Des Moines, $125; Erie, $100; Indiana, $10; Ohio, $25; Philadelphia, $1.

BROWNING HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $20; Erie, $50; New England Southern, $25; Ohio, $25; Rock River, $50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $50; Erie, $40; New Hampshire, $40; New England, $40; New England Southern, $100; Northern Minnesota, $40. *Repairs:* East Ohio, $50. *Plantation Work:* New England, $30; New England Southern, $25.

KENT HOME.—*Salary:* Minnesota, $45; Pittsburg, $20. *Current Expenses:* Central New York, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Detroit, $25; Vermont, $25. *Student Aid:* Detroit (Circles), $75; East Ohio, $50; Lexington, $50; New Jersey, $40; New York, $20; New York East, $25; Rock River, $150; Troy, $25; Vermont, $50; Washington, $40. *Domestic Science:* East Ohio, $50.

NEW JERSEY HOME.—*Salary:* New Jersey, $20; Central New York, $10. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $25; Detroit (Circles), $35; Maine, $30; Lexington, $50; New York, $20; New York East, $60; North Ohio, $10; Rock River, $150; Southern California, $10; Vermont, $50; Washington, $10.

RITTER HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Indiana, $30; Troy, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Central Illinois, $40; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $60; Colorado, $40; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $100; Detroit (Circles), $75; East Ohio, $100; Illinois, $170; Kansas, $50; Kentucky, $50; Michigan, $50; Maine, $70; New England, $40; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $5; New Jersey, $50; New York East, $15; North Indiana, $50; North Ohio, $40; North Dakota, $50; Northern New York, $150; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $100; Oregon, $60; Philadelphia, $80; Pittsburg, $60; Southern Illinois, $15; St. Louis, $50; Southwest Kansas, $145; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $50. *Building:* Baltimore, $100; Central New York, $50; Central Ohio, $150; Cincinnati, $110.40; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $50; Erie, $50; Kansas, $100; Maine, $20; Michigan, $130; Nebraska, $100; Newark, $75; New Jersey, $15; New York, $25; New York East, $20; Ohio, $350; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $10; Upper Iowa, $50; North Dakota, $25; Northern Minnesota, $25; New England Southern (to name a room), $25; North Nebraska (to name two windows), $20; Louisiana (for furnace), $10. *Repairs:* Central Illinois, $20.

E. L. RUST HOME.—*Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit (Circles), $40; Erie, $25; Michigan, $10; New York East, $10; New England, $10; Rock River, $10; Troy, $10. *Repairs:* Erie, $50; North Ohio, $25. *Current Expenses:* Upper Iowa, $25. *Special:* Upper Mississippi, $175.

BENNETT HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Erie, $5; North Indiana, $50; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $40; Kentucky, $55; Minnesota, $20; New York, $5; New York East, $50; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $50; Wyoming, $200; Northern Minnesota, $65. *Special:* Southern Illinois, $15; Des Moines, $25.

BENNETT ACADEMY.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $200; Genesee, $5.

DICKSON HALL.—*Current Expenses:* North Ohio, $25. *Salary:* Wilmington, $10.

ADELINE SMITH HOME.—*Salary:* Little Rock, $30; New England, $20; Wisconsin, $40; North Dakota, $10. *Expenses:* Northern New York, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $55; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $112.50; Detroit (Circles), $115; East Ohio, $100; Genesee, $25; Kansas, $50; Little Rock, $50; Michigan, $50; Nebraska, $40; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $275; Southern California, $40; Southwest Kansas, $10; St. Louis, $25; Upper Iowa, $50; Northern Minnesota, $50. *Special:* Central Ohio, $25; Southern Illinois, $15. *New Building:* East Ohio, $50.

PECK SCHOOL.—*Expenses:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $10; Detroit, $10; Detroit (Circles), $15; New York East, $10; Ohio, $10; Upper Iowa, $10; Wisconsin, $40; Genesee, $10; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $50; Des Moines, $10.

KING HOME.—*Salary:* Erie, $25; Indiana, $100; New Jersey, $10. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $75. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $50; Detroit (Circles), $25; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $40; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $65; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $50; Newark, $25; New England, $20; New Hampshire, $10; North Ohio, $15; Ohio, $25; Northwest Iowa, $40; Northwest Indiana, $10. *Plumbing:* Central New York, $25; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $50; Illinois, $10; Iowa, $100; Iowa (Circles), $15; Nebraska, $40; New York East, $10; Ohio, $50; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $10. *Repairs:* Detroit, $50.

ELIZA DEE HOME.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $25; North Nebraska, $10; Ohio, $25. *Salary:* Troy, $10; West Texas, $50. *Student Aid:* Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $60; Detroit (Circles), $10; Minnesota, $25; North Ohio, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Washington, $40; West Texas, $50.

BOAZ HOME.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $200; Minnesota, $55. *Current Expenses:* California, $5; Indiana, $20; Pittsburg, $57.50; Wisconsin, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $240; Central New York, $40; Central Ohio, $50; Cincinnati, $195; Des Moines, $102; Detroit, $185; Detroit (Circles), $90; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $50; Genesee, $30; Kentucky (Circles), $25; Michigan, $45; Nebraska, $50; New England, $70; New Hampshire, $15; New Jersey, $50; New York, $50; New York East, $140; North Indiana, $105; North Nebraska, $50; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $50; Rock River, $210; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $25; Southwest Kansas, $14; St. Louis, $110; Troy, $40; Wisconsin, $40; North Dakota, $40; Northern Minnesota, $40. *Building Fund:* Baltimore, $200; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $100; Central Ohio, $150; Cincinnati, $370.25; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $200; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $300; Erie, $150; Illinois, $25; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $100; Newark, $75; New England, $15; New England Southern, $20; New Hampshire, $25; New Jersey, $100 (to name a room); New York East, $21.90; North Indiana, $100; North Ohio, $25; Northwest Indiana, $100; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $57.36; Troy, $100; North Minnesota, $10.

MITCHELL HOME.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; East Ohio, $50. *Current Expenses:* Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $60; Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $50; Detroit (Circles), $40; East Ohio, $150; Illinois, $150; Michigan, $40; New England Southern, $25; New Hampshire, $15; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $40; Puget Sound, $50; Troy, $80; Northern Minnesota, $15. *Building Fund:* Cincinnati, $10; Indiana, $55; Rock River, $100. *Special:* Baltimore, $40; Central New York, $50.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.—Central New York, $40; Indiana, $40; New Jersey, $25; New York, $10; Northern New York, $25; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $10; Wilmington, $10; Troy, $25. *Highlanders:* New York, $10; New York East, $10; Upper Iowa, $15.

UTAH.—*Salary:* Central New York, $80; Central Ohio, $390; Cincinnati, $15; Erie, $75; Illinois, $20; North Dakota, $10; Wilmington, $20. *Incidentals:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $50; Genesee, $40; Iowa, $40. *Current Expenses:* Newark, $50; New England, $25; New Hampshire, $25; New York, $10; New York East, $30; Northwest Indiana, $50; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $25; Rock River, $100; Southern Illinois, $10; Wyoming, $25; Troy, $25. *Special:* Ohio, $25; Central New York, $15.

HARWOOD HOME.—*Expenses:* Central Illinois, $50; Genesee, $50; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $55. *Salary:* North Nebraska, $15. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $110; California, $10; Central New York, $15; Central Ohio, $75; Colorado, $25; Des Moines, $60; East Ohio, $140; Erie, $60; Indiana, $120; Iowa, $60; Kansas, $70; Maine, $15; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $40; Newark, $200; New England, $75; New Jersey, $60; New York East, $140; North Indiana, $135; North Ohio, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Northern New York, $70; Northwest Indiana, $70; North Dakota, $70; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $60; Philadelphia, $140; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $120; Southwest Kansas, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $100; Troy $75; Northern Minnesota, $95. *Special:* Central Pennsylvania, $70; Southern Illinois, $20. *Building:* Central Illinois, $30; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $40; Erie, $100; Newark, $100; New York, $50; North Ohio, $15; Upper Iowa, $50; Wyoming, $50.

TUCSON.—*Salary:* Minnesota, $55. *Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $15; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* California, $5; Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $25; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $20; Detroit, $50; Minnesota, $50; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Indiana, $60; Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $50. *Special:* New Jersey, $20; New York East, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Southwest Kansas, $10; Troy, $50.

PORTO RICO—GEO. O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE.—*Salary:* Northern New York, $320. *Expenses:* Maine, $20; New York East, $35; Pittsburg, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $70; Central Illinois, $30; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Cincinnati, $100; Detroit, $15; Detroit (Circles), $40; East Ohio, $80; Erie, $30; Indiana, $30; Iowa, $35; Maine, $15; Michigan, $35; Minnesota, $40; Newark, $150; New England, $15; New England Southern, $30; New Jersey, $40; Northern New York, $170; North Indiana, $15; Northwest Indiana, $40; Ohio, $40; Philadelphia, $40; Pittsburg, $80; Rock River, $100; Southern California, $120; Southwest Kansas, $20; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $30; Troy, $50; Northern Minnesota, $80. *Building:* Baltimore, $150; Cincinnati, $15; Des Moines, $100; Genesee, $25; Illinois, $20; Newark (for cottage), $100; Philadelphia, $8. *Special:* Central New York, $77.50; Troy, $50; Northern Minnesota, $20. *Furnishing:* Northern New York, $15.

MCKINLEY SCHOOL.—*Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $15; Erie, $25; Pittsburg, $35. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $30; California, $10; Central Illinois, $30; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $45; Cincinnati, $75; Columbia River, $15; Colorado, $15; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $155; Indiana, $20; Iowa, $45; Michigan, $45; Nebraska, $15; Newark, $60; New England, $75; New England Southern, $15; New Hampshire, $15; New Jersey, $15; New York, $15; New York East, $40; North Indiana, $15; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $25; North

Dakota, $5; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $15; Southern Illinois, $25; St. Louis, $50; Upper Iowa, $15; Northern Minnesota, $55. *Salary:* Southern California, $180.

PONCE.—*Salary:* Newark, $25. *Bible-woman:* Baltimore, $60.

FRANCES DEPAUW.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $50. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $15; Minnesota, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; California, $10; Central Illinois, $100; Cincinnati, $20; Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $60; East Ohio, $60; Erie, $50; Maine, $10; Michigan, $50; New England, $10; New York, $10; North Indiana, $30; North Ohio, $10; Ohio, $20; Rock River, $50; Southern California, $1,200; Southern Illinois, $20; Southwest Kansas, $5; St. Louis, $10; Upper Iowa, $60; Northern Minnesota, $10. *Special—Building:* Indiana, $20.

DULCE.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; New York East, $10; Northern New York, $5; Upper Iowa, $10. *Student Aid:* Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $5; St. Louis, $15; Troy, $100. *Special:* Troy, $50; Northern Minnesota, $50.

NAVAJO.—*Current Expenses:* Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $25; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Indiana, $10; Ohio, $20; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit (Circles), $40; East Ohio, $100; Indiana, $20; Kentucky, $10; Maine, $15; Nebraska, $80; New York East, $70; Troy, $150; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Des Moines, $10; Genesee, $20; New York, $30; Northern New York, $5; Rock River, $200; Troy, $150.

INDIANS—POTTAWATOMIES.—*Salary:* Erie, $50; New York East, $10; Newark, $50; North Indiana, $20; Southwest Kansas, $20; Ohio, $20; Troy, $25; Wilmington, $10. *Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Little Rock, $10; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $5; North Nebraska, $25; Upper Iowa, $10. *Special:* Central New York, $10; Genesee, $5; Illinois, $25; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $150; St. Louis, $10. *Horse:* New York East, $10; Rock River, $10; Upper Iowa, $10.

UKIAHS.—California, $100; Central Illinois, $10; Genesee, $5; Iowa, $10; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $15; Northern New York, $5; Northwest Indiana, $10; Ohio, $10; Upper Iowa, $10; Des Moines, $10.

PONCA.—Genesee, $20; Northwest Indiana, $10; Rock River, $50. *Repairs:* Wyoming, $25. PAWNEE.—Cincinnati, $5; North Indiana, $85; Northern New York, $5. YUMAS, SOLANG.—Southern California, $500, and for church building, $1,000.

STICKNEY.—*Salary:* Puget Sound, $100. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $30; Central New York, $20; East Ohio, $50; Maine, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Upper Iowa, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $40; California, $10; Central New York, $5; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Columbia River, $50; Cincinnati, $40; Des Moines, $35; Detroit, $75; Detroit (Circles), $25; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Genesee, $40; Iowa, $50; Kentucky, $25; Maine, $10; Michigan, $25; New England, $20; New York East, $160; North Ohio, $10; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Iowa, $40; Ohio, $25; Philadelphia, $50; Pittsburg, $50; Puget Sound, $400; Rock River, $200; Southern California, $10; Troy, $40; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $40; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Central Ohio, $25; Illinois, $5; Northern Minnesota, $20; Northwest Indiana, $10; Southern Illinois, $20.

JESSE LEE HOME.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $50; Illinois, $20; New York East, $25; North Dakota, $10; Troy, $50. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $40; Central New York, $15; Maine, $35; New England Southern, $20; North Nebraska, $25; Northern New York, $50; Southern

California, $500; Upper Iowa, $20; Wisconsin, $5. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; California, $5; Central Ohio, $75; Central Pennsylvania, $70; Cincinnati, $80; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $25; East Ohio, $70; Genesee, $20; Iowa, $60; Maine, $10; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $40; Newark, $50; New England, $60; New Jersey, $120; New York, $20; New York East, $70; North Indiana, $25; North Ohio, $25; North Dakota, $10; Northern Minnesota, $180; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $70; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $60; Philadelphia, $80; Pittsburg, $30; Puget Sound, $120; Rock River, $200; St. Louis, $25; Troy, $60; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $100; Hospital, Baltimore, $25; Central New York, $15; East Ohio, $100; Michigan, $35; Wisconsin, $5. *Special:* Detroit, $50; Kansas, $50.

SINUKS.—*Salary:* Cincinnati, $20; New York East, $20. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Michigan, $25; New England, $10; Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $25. *Building:* Des Moines, $25; Erie, $50; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $80; Northwest Indiana, $100; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Troy, $100. *Special:* Central Pennsylvania, $30; Detroit, $50; Kansas, $50; Philadelphia, $40; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $100; St. Louis, $10.

NEW YORK IMMIGRANT HOME.—Baltimore, $25; California, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $85; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $20; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $25; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $100; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $25; Indiana, $50; Kentucky (Circle), $15; Michigan, $40; Nebraska, $25; New Jersey, $20; New York, $300; North Nebraska, $15; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $25; Ohio, $50; Pittsburg, $10; Southwest Kansas, $32; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $25.

PHILADELPHIA IMMIGRANT HOME.—Philadelphia, $120; Wilmington, $20.

BOSTON IMMIGRANT HOME.—Baltimore, $25; Cincinnati, $15; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $50; Iowa, $15; Michigan, $20; New England, $300; Annex, $500; New England Southern, $20; New Hampshire, $25; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Wyoming, $25; Des Moines, $5.

SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, IMMIGRANT HOME.—Southern California, $300.

BOSTON MEDICAL MISSION.—Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $20; East Ohio, $25; Michigan, $50; Nebraska, $25; New England, $1,700; New England Southern, $100; New Hampshire, $35; New York, $10; New York East, $8; North Indiana, $10; North Ohio, $25; Northern New York, $100; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Troy, $15; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $10; Des Moines, $10.

CHINESE HOME.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $200. *Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $45; Northern New York, $25; Rock River, $100; Troy, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $160; California, $1,000; Central New York, $30; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $50; Illinois, $60; Indiana, $82; Newark, $60; New Jersey, $15; New York East, $35; North Indiana, $60; Northern Minnesota, $70; Northern New York, $15; Ohio, $70; Southern California, $60; Upper Iowa, $70; Wyoming, $50. *Kindergarten:* Central Illinois, $45; Cincinnati, $15; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $15; Maine, $20; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $40; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northwest Indiana, $25; Northwest Kansas, $15; Northwest Iowa, $60; Ohio, $15; Troy, $15; Upper Iowa, $15; Wyoming, $30; Erie, $30. *Building:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $40; Des Moines, $200; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Indiana, $150; Iowa, $75; Michigan, $100; New England, $25; New York East, $35; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $100; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $25; Ohio, $100; Phila-

delphia, $31.25; Puget Sound, $100; Southwest Kansas, $100; St. Louis, $10; Upper Iowa, $15; Vermont, $50; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Kansas, $50.

JAPANESE HOME.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; New England, $25; North Nebraska, $15; Northern New York, $15; Rock River, $100; Southwest Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $120; California, $500; Central Illinois, $30; Columbia River, $60; Colorado, $10; Detroit (Circles), $65; East Ohio, $70; Newark, $50; New Jersey, $15; New York East, $115; North Indiana, $60; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $60; Philadelphia, $70; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $100; Southern California, $60; Southern Illinois, $20; Upper Iowa, $30; Wilmington, $15; Wyoming, $25. *Kindergarten:* Des Moines, $15; East Ohio, $25; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $50; New England, $15; New York East, $10; Northern Minnesota, $25; Troy, $20; Erie, $15. *Special:* Baltimore, $30; Central New York, $25; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $15; Iowa, $40; Kansas, $50; New York, $10. *Building:* Michigan, $100; Philadelphia, $31.25.

HAWAII.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $50; East Ohio, $100; Illinois, $15; Iowa, $10; North Indiana, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; California, $500; Central Illinois, $60; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $60; Detroit (Circles), $25; Indiana, $25; Kentucky, $25; Michigan, $50; Newark, $40; New York East, $20; North Indiana, $50; Northern Minnesota, $20; Northern New York, $25; St. Louis, $25; Troy, $20. *Special:* Genesee, $25; New York, $10; North Indiana, $100; Northern New York, $25; Upper Iowa, $25. *Building:* Baltimore, $100; Central Illinois, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Erie, $50; Indiana, $30; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $40; Rock River, $100; Southwest Kansas, $12; Wyoming, $50.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $85. *Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $10; Erie, $50; North Nebraska, $25; Ohio, $35; Upper Iowa, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Columbia River, $10; Des Moines, $100; Detroit (Circles), $40; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $20; Genesee, $50; Indiana, $10; Iowa, $50; Maine, $20; Michigan, $35; Nebraska, $500; Newark, $25; New England Southern, $20; New Jersey, $25; New York East, $10; North Dakota, $5; North Indiana, $60; North Ohio, $10; North Nebraska, $140; Northern Minnesota, $40; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Philadelphia, $10; Southern California, $60; Southwest Kansas, $70; St. Louis, $50; Troy, $25; Wyoming, $40. *Hospital:* Erie, $50; New England, $15; Northwest Indiana, $100; Wilmington, $13. *Special:* Central New York, $25; Kansas, $30; New Hampshire, $10; Southern Illinois, $30; St. Louis, $10.

WATTS DEPEYSTER HOME.—*Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; East Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $10; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $75. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $120; Colorado, $5; Genesee, $5; Indiana, $5; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $15; New England, $30; New England Southern, $40; New Jersey, $70; New York, $1,600; New York East, $126; North Indiana, $15; Northern New York, $70; Ohio, $30; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $60; Rock River, $50; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $30; Troy, $200; Wilmington, $25. *Special:* Central New York, $15; Newark, $150; Rock River, $10. *Fisk Hospital:* Newark, $25; Philadelphia, $10.

CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE.—*Expenses:* Central Illinois, $75; Central New York, $20; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit (Circles), $15; Illinois, $2,000; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $40; Indiana, $12; Iowa, $45; Kansas, $30; Kentucky, $5; North Indiana, $20; North

Dakota, $25; Ohio, $30; Rock River, $100; Pittsburg, $15; Southern Illinois, $30; St. Louis, $60. *Special:* North Indiana (for cow), $15.

BRADLEY MEMORIAL HOME.—Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $15; Erie, $20; Newark, $25; New York, $10; North Indiana, $10; Pittsburg, $5,000; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $10.

MARCY HOME.—Illinois, $40; Wisconsin, $25. *Current Expenses:* California, $5; Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Erie, $75; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $40; New England, $10; New England Southern, $10; New York, $10; North Indiana, $20; North Ohio, $5; Ohio, $10; Rock River, $1,000; Troy, $25. *Special:* Central New York, $15; Detroit, $50; Kansas, $30; North Dakota, $10; North Indiana, $5; Northern Minnesota, $35; Northwest Indiana, $50; Rock River, $2,000; Southern California, $5; Southern Illinois, $25; Troy, $20. *Building:* Central Illinois, $100; Upper Iowa, $25.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Student Aid:* Baltimore, $300; Central New York, $25; Central Ohio, $100; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $69.50; Colorado, $10; Detroit, $100; Detroit Circles, $100; East Ohio, $300; Genesee, $125; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $250; Newark, $100; New England, $50; New Jersey, $100; New York, $100; North Indiana, $150; North Ohio, $100; Northern New York, $200; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $208.70; Southwest Kansas, $100; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $100; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $100; Wyoming, $50. *Current Expenses:* Northern New York, $100; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Troy, $100. *Building:* Cincinnati, $20; Genesee, $50.

FISK TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Student Aid:* Colorado, $10; Illinois, $50; New York, $50; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $100; Northern Minnesota, $75; Northwest Kansas, $150; Philadelphia, $10; Southern Illinois, $200; Southwest Kansas, $300; St. Louis, $460. *Current Expenses:* Iowa, $10; Upper Iowa, $30. *Special:* Southern Illinois, $10.

SAN FRANCISCO TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Student Aid:* California, $500; Illinois, $50; Little Rock, $10; Nebraska, $50; North Indiana, $25; North Ohio, $15; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $25; Puget Sound, $100; Southern California, $200; Upper Iowa, $30. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $50; Michigan, $10; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $25.

SAN FRANCISCO REHABILITATION FUND.—Detroit, $100; Genesee, $12.55; North Indiana, $50; Pittsburg, $100.

IOWA BIBLE TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Central Illinois, $140. *Building:* Des Moines, $1,000.

BANCROFT REST HOME.—*Expenses:* Baltimore, $25; New York, $30; New York East, $25; North Indiana, $14; New Jersey, $25; Newark, $150; Genesee, $10; Philadelphia, $40; Troy, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Furnace:* New York East, $15; Upper Iowa, $25. *Special for Rug:* Troy, $30.

THOMPSON REST HOME.—Baltimore, $25; New York, $10; Upper Iowa, $10.

WING REST HOME.—Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $300.

MISS TRENIS.—Minnesota, $40. *Deaconess Salary:* North Minnesota, $120. *Travelers' Aid:* Albany, Troy, $200; Seattle, Ohio, $5; Upper Iowa, $10; Columbia River, $50.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.—Cincinnati, $2,000.

INDIAN WORK IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.—Northern Minnesota, $100.

CHICAGO WORK.—*Swedish Rest Home:* Rock River, $200; Upper Iowa, $25; Central Ohio, $25.

COKE WORK.—Pittsburg, $1,000.

ITALIAN WORK.—Rochester, Genesee, $500; Utica, Northern New York, $500; Providence, R. I., New England Southern, $230; Barre, Vermont, $150.

BOHEMIAN WORK.—Upper Iowa, $100.

SILENT WORK.—Upper Iowa, $100.

HOSPITALS.—Burges, St. Louis, $4,045; Graham, Upper Iowa, $25; Indiana Hospital Building, North Indiana, $600; Sibley, Baltimore, $2,000; Fisk Tivoli, New York East, for beds, $75.

The following pledges were taken in behalf of children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, for the support of reindeer at our Sinuk Missions: Mrs. Thompson, $5; Mrs. Kent, $5; Mrs. McCarty, $5; Mrs. Simpson, $5; Mrs. Bass, $5; Mrs. Herron, $5; Mrs. McGuffin, $5; North Ohio Conference, $5; Central New York Home Guards, $5; Philadelphia Conference, $5; Mrs. Bickley, $5; Mrs. Northrop, $5; Mrs. Perchment, $5; Miss Chadwick (Young People), $5; Des Moines Home Guards. $10; New York Home Guards, $5; Pittsburg Home Guards, $5; Mrs. Masters, $5; Wilmington Jewels, $5; Miss Guernsey, $5; Detroit Conference, $5; Rock River Conference, $5; In memory of Jesse Dinger, $5; Maine Home Guards, $5; New Hampshire Home Guards, $5; Mrs. Edward L. Hyde, $5; Mrs. Bodkin, $5; Genesee Conference, for Italian Mission, $10; Mrs. McDowell, $5; Queen Esther Circle, Kansas City, $5.

Individual pledges on *Ring* for California Conference Silver Offering, $52.

Individual pledges for Woman's Home Missionary Society Tablet to be placed in Trinity Church, Cincinnati, $38.

PLEDGES FOR GENERAL FUND.—Alabama, $50; Atlanta, $100; Baltimore, $3,000; Central Illinois, $1,200; Central Missouri, $150; Central New York, $2,500; Central Ohio, $2,600; Central Pennsylvania, $1,600; Cincinnati, $4,000; Colorado, $600; Columbia River, $500; Des Moines, $2,000; Detroit, $2,000; East Maine, $200; East Ohio, $3,000; Erie, $3,500; Genesee, $2,500; Illinois, $1,870; Indiana, $2,800; Iowa, $1,500; Lexington, $600; Little Rock, $220; Maine, $900; Michigan, $2,250; Nebraska, $1,200; Newark, $2,300; New England, $2,000; New England Southern, $1,200; New Jersey, $2,200; New York, $1,400; New York East, $1,800; North Dakota, $225; North Indiana, $2,750; North Nebraska, $825; North Ohio, $1,800; Northern Minnesota, $900; Northern New York, $3,000; Oregon, $500; Philadelphia, $2,000; Pittsburg, $2,700; Puget Sound, $1,000; Rock River, $4,000; Southern California, $2,300; Southern Illinois, $700; Southwest Kansas, $1,300; Troy, $2,500; Upper Iowa, $3,000; Vermont, $700; Washington, $333; West Texas, $100; Wilmington, $1,025.

MRS. S. G. TURNER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMPSON, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AUGUST 1, 1906, to AUGUST 1, 1907.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

(NOTE.—Young People's and Children's Work detailed in Statistical Reports of Bureau Secretaries.)

Alabama Conference.

Miss Nusie McMurray, Treasurer, Boaz, Ala.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $12; collection, $31. Total General Fund, $43.
STUDENT AID.—Hawaii, $5; Marcy, $10; Porto Rico, $5; Mothers' Jewels Home, $5; Ritter, $1; Stickney, $10. Total Student Aid, $36.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $2.30; Chinese, $10; Porto Rico, $5; Rehabilitation Fund, $3.50. Total Special Fund, $20.80.
Grand Total Cash, $99.80.
By vouchers, $529.72.

Arkansas Conference.

Mrs. Isabella Parks, Treasurer, Siloam Springs, Ark.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $73.55. Total General Fund, $73.55.
SILVER OFFERING.—$78.30. Total Silver Offering, $78.30.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $30. Total Student Aid, $30.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $4.05; Rehabilitation, $1. Total Special Fund, $5.05.
Grand Total Cash, $186.90.
By vouchers, $50.

Atlanta Conference.

Mrs. G. W. Arnold, Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $110.68. Total General Fund, $110.68.
SILVER OFFERING.—$10. Total Silver Offering, $10.
STUDENT AID.—Porto Rico, $5; Thayer, $49.26. Total Student Aid, $54.26.
Grand Total Cash, $174.94.
By vouchers, $14.60.

Austin Conference.

Mrs. Rilla C. Barnes, Treasurer, San Antonio, Texas.
GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $15.85; collection, $5; Contingent Fund, $1.40.
Total General Fund, $22.25.

SILVER OFFERING.—$16.60. Total Silver Offering, $16.60.
SPECIAL FUND.—Rehabilitation Fund, $3.50. Total Special Fund, $3.50.
Grand Total Cash, $42.35.

Baltimore Conference.

Mrs. M. E. Brown, Treasurer, 1411 K St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,495.91; printing, $5; salary, $42; Thank-offering, $2.50. Total General Fund, $2.545.41.
SILVER OFFERING.—$631.17. Total Silver Offering, $631.17.
STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $160; Dulce, $58.50; DePauw, $10; Harwood, $110; Hawaii, $25; Jesse Lee, $100; Japanese, $94.66; Korean, $60; L. W. Hayes, $118; Mitchell, $40; Navajo, $4.50; Porto Rico, $86; McKinley, $92.50; Ritter, $81.33; W. De Peyster, $71.57.
Total Student Aid, $1,112.06.
Grand Total Cash, $5,061.09.
By vouchers, $9,330.45.

California Conference.

Mrs. Abby Studley, Treasurer, 727 Shotwell St., San Francisco, Cal.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $535.07; printing, $5. Total General Fund, $540.07.
SILVER OFFERING.—$299.85. Total Silver Offering, $299.85.
STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $10; Brewster, $10; DePauw, $15; Harwood, $10; Jesse Lee, $5; Marcy, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $5; Ukiah, $5; Utah, $10. Total Student Aid, $103.75.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $2.20; Immigrant, N. Y.. $10; McKinley, $3.75; Porto Rico, $30. Total Special Fund, $45.95.
Grand Total Cash, $989.62.
By vouchers, $6,081.77.

Central Illinois Conference.

Mrs. Ella G. Taylor, Treasurer, 904 19th St., Rock Island, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,127.05; salary, $85; printing, $10; Thank-offering, $7.45. Total General Fund, $1,229.50.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $5; Bennett, $41; Chinese, $45; DePauw, $100; Hawaii, $30; Harwood, $35; Japanese, $30; McKinley, $30; Marcy, $20; Navajo, $11; Porto Rico, $30; Ritter, $35; A. Smith, $15; Utah, $5; Ukiah, $7.50; Susannah Wesley, $30. Total Student Aid, $458.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $10; Alaska, $29; Boylan, $20; Cunningham, $65; E. Dee, $10; Hawaii, $40; Immigrant, N. Y., $15; King, $5; Jesse Lee, $5; Marcy, $57; Peck, $15; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $13; Stickney, $35.70; Thayer, $10; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $339.70.
Grand Total Cash, $2,130.40.
By vouchers, $780.95.

Central Missouri Conference.

Mrs. Georgia Whaley, Treasurer, 1708 E. 18th St., Kansas City, Mo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $109.50; Mite-boxes, 50 cents.
Total General Fund, $110.
SILVER OFFERING.—$84.75. Total Silver Offering, $84.75.
Grand Total Cash, $194.75.

Central New York Conference.

Mrs. Geo. J. Sager, Treasurer, 123 South Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,776.48; life members, $100; Mite-box collections, $6.80; printing, $2. Total General Fund, $2,885.28.

SILVER OFFERING.—$1,282.22. Total Silver Offering, $1,282.22.

STUDENT AID.—Alaska, $1.35; Boaz, $160.51; Bennett, $10; Browning, $50; Chinese, $56.96; Community, $15.17; L. W. Hayes, $162; Japanese, $84.79;; Jesse Lee, $10; McKinley, $10; Porto Rico, $30; A. Smith, $135; Stickney, $49.50; Thayer, $65; W. De Peyster, $10; Geo. O. Robinson, $27. Total Student Aid, $877.28.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $15; Boaz, $301.85; Boylan, $15; Brewster, $20; Chinese, $43; Community Shares, $10; Cunningham, $10; Eliza Dee, $11.20; Harwood, $9.30; Japanese, $40; Jesse Lee, $13.93; Mothers' Jewels, $24.85; Navajo, $10; New York Immigrant, $25; Pottawatomies, $5; W. De Peyster, $15; Geo. O. Robinson, $13; Porto Rico, $18; Ritter, $20; A. Smith, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $28.50; San Francisco Training School, $15; Simpson, $20; Sinuk, $5; San Francisco, $33; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $741.63.

Grand Total Cash, $5,786.41.
By vouchers, $231.92.

Central Ohio Conference.

Mrs. F. J. Halliday, Treasurer, Delaware, Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,697.31; Mite-box collections, $113.18; printing, $15.77; salary, $260.60; Thank-offering, $97.72.
Total General Fund, $3,184.58.

SILVER OFFERING.—$1,173.28. Total Silver Offering, $1,173.28.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $10; Bennett, $25; Chinese, $35; Emerson, $25; Haven, $70.05; Harwood, $89.95; L. W. Hayes, $126.10; Jesse Lee, $75; McKinley, $15.50; Mothers' Jewels, $10; W. De Peyster, $15; Ritter, $100; Thayer, $25; Stickney, $50. Total Student Aid, $671.60.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; Boylan, $25; Boaz, $122.85; Boston Medical Mission, $50; Cunningham, $5; W. De Peyster, $15; Hawaii, $150; Harwood, $30; L. W. Hayes, $105; King, $25; Jesse Lee, $200; McKinley, $9.50; Mothers' Jewels, $15; New York Immigrant, $50.21; Ritter, $356.50; Sinuk, $30; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $8.62; Toledo Deaconess Home, $337.75; Utah, $2.
Total Special Fund, $1,587.43.

Grand Total Cash, $6,616.89.
By vouchers, $336.17.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Miss Sarah J. Richards, Treasurer, 18 So. 13th St., Harrisburg, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,577.17; printing, $5.60; salary, $58.60.
Total General Fund, $1,635.77.

SILVER OFFERING.—$366.44. Total Silver Offering, $366.44.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $50.73; Boaz, $10; Boylan, $10.76; Chinese, $10.20; W. De Peyster, $122.16; L. W. Hayes, $125; Jesse Lee, $50; McKinley, $47; Mothers' Jewels, $61.50; Mitchell, $66.45; Porto Rico, $64.03; Ritter, $50; Stickney, $101.88; Thayer, $52; Sinuk, $10; Susannah Wesley, $5. Total Student Aid, $846.71.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $51; Boaz, $60.40; Brewster, $10; Boston Medical Mission, $11.40; Chinese, $54.25; Eliza Dee, $10; DePauw, $25; W. De Peyster, $25; Harwood, $205; Hawaii, $10; Marcy, $10; Mitchell, $5; Navajo, $10; New York Immigrant, $21.06; Porto Rico, $15; Ritter, $15; San Francisco Emergency, $12.60; Susannah Wesley, $5.50; San Francisco Training School, $25.
Total Special Fund, $581.21.
Grand Total Cash, $3,541.13.

Central Tennseese Conference.

Mrs. Pafferd, Treasurer, Lexington, Tenn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $31. Total General Fund, $31.
Grand Total Cash, $31.

Cincinnati Conference.

Mrs. Geo. O. March, 212 Wright Ave., Lebanon, Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,831.24; printing, $22.86; salary, $93.76; collection, $10; Mite-box collection, $6.52; gift, $25; advertising, $10; Thank-offering, 50 cents. Total General Fund, $3,000.88.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,048.72. Total Silver Offering, $1,048.72.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; Bradley, $5; Boaz, $227.95; Brewster, $5; Chinese, $60; Eliza Dee, $7.50; DePauw, $50; De Peyster, $12.50; Harwood, $34.38; L. W. Hayes, $102.58; Hawaii, $1; Japanese, $34.15; Jesse Lee, $58; McKinley, $81.81; Mothers' Jewels, $74.25; Mitchell, $75; Porto Rico, $144.45; Ponca, $5; Ritter, $120.50; Rust Hall, $40.50; Stickney, $60; Tucson, $10; San Francisco Training School, $5.
Total Student Aid, $1,224.57.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $10; Boylan, $10; Bradley, $10; Browning, $25; Boaz, $825.85; De Peyster, $14; Glenn Home, $1,731.35; Harwood, $10; Hawaii, $25; New York Immigrant, $25; King, $10; Jesse Lee, $10; Marcy, $10; Navajo, $10; Pottawatomies, $5; E. L. Rust, $5; Ritter, $125; Porto Rico, $5.83; Simuk, $20; A. Smith, $10; San Francisco Rehabilitation Fund, $111.30; Thayer, $13.50; Tucson, $9.65; Utah, $5; Ukiah, $7.50. Total Special Fund, $3,043.98.
Grand Total Cash, $8,318.15.
By vouchers, $349.45.

Colorado Conference.

Mrs. D. K. Lee, Treasurer, 1,763 Williams St., Denver, Colo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $683.22; printing, $1.
Total General Fund, $684.22.
SILVER OFFERING.—$249.30. Total Silver Offering, $249.30.
STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $15; E. Dee, $10; Harwood, $40; L. W. Hayes, $15; Japanese, $15.63; Jesse Lee, $15; McKinley, $37; Geo. O. Robinson, $10; A. Smith, $15; Thayer, $20; Ukiah, $10.
Total Student Aid, $202.63.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $14.75; Fisk, $15; Hawaii, $10; New York Immigrant, $10; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $7.90; San Francisco Emergency, $10.32; Ukiah, $10. Total Special Fund, $77.97.
Grand Total Cash, $1,214.12.
By vouchers, $11,283.47.

Columbia River Conference.

Mrs. W. T. Euster, Treasurer, Lewistown, Idaho.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $209.35; collections, $3; Mite-box collections, $23.25; Thank-offering, $50; printing, $1.50.
Total General Fund, $287.10.
SILVER OFFERING.—$45. Total Silver Offering, $45.
STUDENT AID.—Porto Rico, $7.50. Total Student Aid, $7.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $8.50; Chinese, $35; Harwood, $10; McKinley, $7.50.
Total Special Fund, $61.
Grand Total Cash, $400.60.
By vouchers, $39.91.

Delaware Conference.

Mrs. Emma Thompson, 2322 No. Sydenham St., Philadelphia.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $50.79; Mite-box collections, $13.
Total General Fund, $63.79.
SILVER OFFERING.—$74.30. Total Silver Offering, $74.30.
Grand Total Cash, $138.09.
By vouchers, $30.

Dakota Conference.

Mrs. Ella Murphy, Treasurer, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $9.25; collections, $37; Thank offering, $2.25.
Total General Fund, $48.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Ritter, $100. Total Special Fund, $100.
Grand Total Cash, $148.50.

Des Moines Conference.

Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, Treasurer, 707 Maple St., Des Moines, Iowa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,067.89; Mite-box collections, $13.48; children's birthday, $3.77; printing, $1.50. Total General Fund, $1,086.64.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,040.42. Total Silver Offering, $1,040.42.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $55; Boaz, $156.72; Boylan, $10; Brewster, $10; Chinese, $68.02; Dickson, $10; E. Dee, $20; Harwood, $93.38; Hawaii, $15; Haven, $19.65; Japanese, $55; Jesse Lee, $15; McKinley, $7; Mothers' Jewels, $30.23; Mitchell, $5; Navajo, $2.50; Peck, $2.50; Ritter, $100; Porto Rico, $43; Thayer, $34.50; King, $5; Kent, $5; A. Smith, $20; Utah, $15. Total Student Aid, $797.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $10; Chinese, $83.80; Eliza Dee, $10; Harwood, $5.90; Hawaii, $10; Peck, $7.50; Porto Rico, $95.59; King, $15; San Francisco Emergency, $25.56; Tucson, $5.
Total Special Fund, $268.35
Grand Total Cash, $3,192.91.
By vouchers, $343.12.

Detroit Conference.

Mrs. G. B. Hiller, 647 N. Washington St., Owasso, Mich.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,985.18; salary, $640; printing, $14; Mite-box collections, $5.07. Total General Fund, $2,644.25.
SILVER OFFERING.—$10. Total Silver Offering, $10.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; Bennett, $50; Boaz, $276; Boylan, $30; Browning, $31.50; Cunningham, $10; Chinese, $41.68; De Pauw, $60; Eliza Dee, $105; Emerson, $50; Harwood, $25; Haven, $30; L. W. Hayes, $119.90; New Jersey, $63.39; Japanese, $25; King, $65; Kent, $76; Jesse Lee, $30; Mitchell, $40; Navajo, $40; Porto Rico, $15; Ponca, $10; Rust Hall, $25; Ritter, $65; Stickney, $100; A. Smith, $50; San Francisco Emergency, $22; Thayer, $30.
Total Student Aid, $1,495.47.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; Boaz, $96.90; Browning, $10; Bradley, $10; Eliza Dee, $25; Haven, $25; Marcy, $15; Peck, $25; Porto Rico, $550; Settlement, $25; Simpson, $15; San Francisco Emergency, $6; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $73.20; Ukiah, $10.
Total Special Fund, $961.10.

Grand Total Cash, $5,110.82.
By vouchers, $3,238.18.

East Maine Conference.

Mrs. E. S. Burrill, Treasurer. Mattawamkeag, Me.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $10. Total General Fund, $10.
SILVER OFFERING.—$4. Total Silver Offering, $4.
Grand Total Cash, $14.

Eastern Swedish Conference.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $20. Total General Fund, $20.
Grand Total Cash, $20.

East Tennessee Conference.

Mrs. E. E. Gardner, Treasurer, Box 28, Tip Top, Va.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $36; collection, $11; Mite-box, $3.
Total General Fund, $50.
SILVER OFFERING.—$20. Total Silver Offering, $20.
SPECIAL FUND.—New Jersey, $7. Total Special Fund, $7.
Grand Total Cash, $77.

East Ohio Conference.

Mrs. A. G. Stebbins, White Hall, E. 107th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,822.92; salary, $250; printing, $17.50.
Total General Fund, $3,090.42.
SILVER OFFERING.—$2,040.65. Total Silver Offering, $2,040.65.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $40; Bennett, $40; Boaz, $50; Boylan, $29.25; Bradley, $25; Chinese, $8; DePauw, $50; Emerson, $80; Haven, $40; Harwood, $60; L. W. Hayes, $215; Japanese, $112; King, $40; Kent, $40; Jesse Lee, $98; Mothers' Jewels, $100; McKinley, $30; Navajo, $30; Porto Rico, $60; Ritter, $80; Stickney, $40; A. Smith, $80; Thayer, $50. Total Student Aid, $1,397.25.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; Bennett, $50; Bancroft, $25; Boaz, $150; Browning, $50; Cunningham, $50; Chinese, $107; Dulce, $50; De-Pauw, $50; Eliza Dee, $25; W. De Peyster, $25; Hawaii, $150; Harwood, $50; Boston Immigrant, $25; Japanese, $25; Jesse Lee, $100; Boston Medical Mission, $50; Navajo, $50; Provo, $100; Porto Rico, $100; Ritter, $50; Stickney, $50; San Francisco, $2.06; Sinuk, $50.
Total Special Fund, $1,484.06.

Grand Total Cash, $8,012.38.
By vouchers, $2,452.87.

Erie Conference.

Mrs. W. J. Smith, Treasurer, North East, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,658.82; Thank offering, $493.01; Mite-box collections, $198.74; salary, $366.90; printing, $9; children's birthday, $1.25. Total General Fund, $3,727.72.
SILVER OFFERING.—$957.27. Total Silver Offering, $957.27.
STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $50; Boaz, $50; Browning, $40; Chinese, $5; De Pauw, $50; De Peyster, $66; Harwood, $60; Hawaii, $20; Japanese, $90; King, $50; McKinley, $90; Navajo, $15; Porto Rico, $83; Rust Hall, $25; Ritter, $130; San Francisco Training School, $40; Thayer, $20. Total Student Aid, $884.
SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $44; Allen, $200; Boaz, $141.63; Boylan, $23; Bradley, $25; Browning, $10; Cunningham, $22.75; Chinese, $75; Emerson, $24; Hawaii, $100; Boston Immigrant, $50; New York Immigrant, $44.90; King, $3; Marcy, $89.58; Mothers' Jewels, $100; Pottawatomies, $37; Porto Rico, $50; E. L. Rust, $14.76; Ritter, $49; Stickney, $50; Simpson, $23.13; Sibley Hospital, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $5; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $31.50; Susannah Wesley, $52; Sinuk, $6; Thayer, $25; Utah, $38.25.
Total Special Fund, $1,344.50.

Grand Total Cash, $6,913.49.
By vouchers, $1,703.33.

Florida Conference.

Mrs. J. P. Patterson, Treasurer, 431 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville, Florida.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $4.80. Total General Fund, $4.80.
STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $16.20. Total Student Aid, $16.20.
Grand Total Cash, $21.

Genesee Conference.

Mrs. C. E. Millspaugh, Treasurer, Medina, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,334.53; Mite-box collections, $64.77; printing, $3.25; gift, $110.60; salary, $91.99; Thank offering, $76.80.
Total General Fund, $2,681.94.
SILVER OFFERING.—$912.35. Total Silver Offering, $912.35.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $20; Boaz, $35; Boylan, $50; Bradley, $20; Browning, $40; Chinese, $15; M. Haven, $50; L. W. Hayes, $100; Japanese, $9.40; King, $25; Jesse Lee, $22.50; Mothers' Jewels, $50.38; McKinley, $5.50; Porto Rico, $14.50; Stickney, $45; A. Smith, $25; Thayer, $15. Total Student Aid, $542,28.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $643.10; Chinese, $15; Deaconess Work, $20; W. De Peyster, $25; M. Haven, $5; Hawaii, $20; New York Immigrant, $30; Japanese, $10; Navajo, $20; Porto Rico, $27.50; Ponca, $20; Pottawatomies, $5; Rust Hall, $2.50; San Francisco Emergency, $13.50; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $107.62; Sinuk, $10.
Total Special Fund, $974.22.

Grand Total Cash, $5,110.79.
By vouchers, $4,506.34.

Gulf Conference.

Miss Eliza Page, Treasurer, 719 St. Joseph St., New Orleans, La.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $26; gift, $12.45; tuitions, $9; collection, $6; Contingent, $1.
Total General Fund, $54.45.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $1.
Total Special Fund, $1.
Grand Total Cash, $55.45.

Georgia Conference.

Mrs. R. J. Auten, Treasurer, Center and Piedmont Sts., Atlanta, Ga.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $7.45.
Total General Fund, $7.45.
Grand Total Cash, $7.45.

Holston Conference.

Mrs. W. W. Hooper, Treasurer, 924 E. 8th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $305.70; life member, $1; Mite-box collections, $18.15; Thank-offering, $20.37; collections, $28; sale of Annual Reports, $2.60.
Total General Fund, $375.82.
SILVER OFFERING.—$16.68.
Total Silver Offering, $16.68.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $40; Ritter, $5; Stickney, $11.30.
Total Student Aid, $56.30.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $67.50; Chinese, $5; Permanent Deaconess Fund, $5; New York Immigrant, $5; Ritter, $1,230.
Total Special Fund, $1,312.50.

Grand Total Cash, $1,761.30.
By vouchers, $117.

Idaho Conference.

Mrs. L. A. Houston, Treasurer, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $20.65; Contingent Fund, $1.30.
Total General Fund, $21.95.
SILVER OFFERING.—$45.25.
Total Silver Offering, $45.25.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $2.15.
Total Special Fund, $2.15.
Grand Total Cash, $69.35.
By voucher, $7.

Illinois Conference.

Mrs. E. J. Strader, Treasurer, 415 Cent. Ave., Decatur, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,750.73; printing, $15.43; salary, $10; life members, $21.
Total General Fund, $1,797.16.
SILVER OFFERING.—$641.82.
Total Silver Offering, $641.82.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $40; Boylan, $130; Chinese, $62; W. De Peyster, $2; Fisk, $50; Harwood, $70; L. W. Hayes, $100; Japanese, $42; King, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $2; Ritter, $150; Porto Rico, $20; San Francisco Training School, $13.50. Total Student Aid, $706.50.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $2; Boaz, $36.15; Chinese, $20; De Pauw, $10; W. De Peyster, $16; Eliza Dee, $1; Emerson, $5; Hawaii, $35; New York Immigrant, $25; Japanese, $5; Jesse Lee, $8; Marcy, $35; Mothers' Jewels, $5; Pottawatomies, $15; Porto Rico, $17; Stickney, $10; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $28.02; Thayer, $10; Utah, $20; Ukiah, $5. Total Special Fund, $308.17.

Grand Total Cash, $3,453.65.
By vouchers, $5,159.64.

Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Mary E. Helwig, Treasurer, 112 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, Ind.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,623.42; salary, $1; Thank-offering, $187.70; Mite-box collections, $169.10; printing, $19.50. Total General Fund, $2,000.72.

SILVER OFFERING.—$875.17. Total Silver Offering, $875.17.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $20; Bennett, $50; Boaz, $53; Brewster, $15; Cunningham, $5; Chinese, $39.45; De Peyster, $15; Deaconess Work, $30; Emerson, $20; Hawaii, $40; Harwood, $20; L. W. Hayes, $57; Japanese, $33; King, $22.69; Mothers' Jewels, $33.50; McKinley, $25; Pawnee, $30; Porto Rico, $35; Ritter, $105.92. Total Student Aid, $649.56.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $30; Alaska, $5; Boylan Settlement, $20; Boaz, $103.85; Coke, $2; Deaconess Work, $3.50; Faith Cottage, $25; Harwood, $60; L. W. Hayes, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $31.27; Porto Rico, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $2; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $47. Total Special Fund, $344.62.

Grand Total Cash, $3,870.07.
By vouchers, $415.63.

Iowa Conference.

Mrs. L. F. Owens, Treasurer, 810 S. Central Ave., Burlington, Iowa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,245.11; salary, $310.85; printing, $3.10. Total General Fund, $1,559.06.

SILVER OFFERING.—$1,126.74. Total Silver Offering, $1,126.74.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $20; Harwood, $70.50; King, $70; Jesse Lee, $25; Marcy, $55; Mothers' Jewels, $70.58; McKinley, $30; Porto Rico, $35; Stickney, $55. Total Student Aid, $431.08.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $5; Boaz, $11.35; Cunningham, $17; Chinese, $75; Fisk, $10; Immigrant, $10; Indian Work, $20; Japanese, $11.04; Jesse Lee, $25; Porto Rico, $55; Rust Hall, $7.60; Ritter, $7.60; Tucson, $5; Utah, $40. Total Special Fund, $299.59.

Grand Total Cash, $3,416.47.
By vouchers, $298.60.

Kansas Conference.

Mrs. Geo. O. Smith, Treasurer, 503 Topeka, Ave., Topeka, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $781.78; Mite-box collections, $11.42; salary, $28.39; printing, 50 cents; collection, $2. Total General Fund, $824.09.

SILVER OFFERING.—$253.38. Total Silver Offering, $253.38

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $20; Cunningham, $25; Chinese, $55; Fisk, $100; Harwood, $60; Marcy, $16; Mothers' Jewels, $15; McKinley, $30; Porto Rico, $90; Ritter, $80; A. Smith, $40.
Total Student Aid, $531.
SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $25; Boaz, $18.15; Brewster, $10; Cunningham, $5; Chinese, $5; New York Immigrant, $25; Fisk, $10; Jesse Lee, $5; Marcy, $9; Mothers' Jewels, $15; Pottawatomies, $171.61; San Francisco, $20; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $10; Tucson, $5.
Total Special Fund, $333.76.
Grand Total Cash, $1,942.23.
By vouchers, $510.43.

Kentucky Conference.

Mrs. James C. Dugan, Treasurer, 214 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $251.83; contribution, $3; printing, $1; Mite-box collections, $35.43; Thank-offering, $39. Total General Fund, $330.26.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $50; Harwood, $10; L. W. Hayes, $35; Ritter, $10; E. L. Rust, $65. Total Student Aid, $170.
SPECIAL FUND.—Hawaii, $25; New York Immigrant, $20.
Total Special Fund, $45.
Grand Total Cash, $545.26.
By vouchers, $13.15.

Lexington Conference.

Mrs. Lula A. Allen, Treasurer, 315 E. Short St., Lexington, Ky.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $320.86; Thank-offering, 50 cents; Mite-box collections, $33.53; printing, $4.75; collection, $1.
Total General Fund, $360.64.
SILVER OFFERING.—$78.50. Total Silver Offering, $78.50.
STUDENT AID.—New Jersey, $49.10. Total Student Aid, $49.10.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, 45 cents; San Francisco Emergency, $3.
Total Special Fund, $3.45.
Grand Total Cash, $491.69.

Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. Anna Strickland, Treausrer, Little Rock, Ark.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $111.95; gift, $1. Total General Fund, $112.95.
SILVER OFFERING.—$10. Total Silver Offering, $10.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, 70 cents. Total Student Aid, 70 cents.
SPECIAL FUND.—Hawaii, $5. Total Special Fund, $5.
Grand Total Cash, $128.65.
By voucher, $6.

Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. S. A. Chinn, Treasurer, 1929 Maringo St., New Orleans, La.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $85.50. Total General Fund, $85.50.
Grand Total Cash, $85.50.
By vouchers, $14.10.

Maine Conference.

Miss Flora Lord, Treasurer, 408 Forest Ave., Portland, Me.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $427.31; Mite-box collection, $2.
Total General Fund, $429.31.
SILVER OFFERING.—$225.80. Total Silver Offering, $225.80.
STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $17; Emerson, $10; New Jersey, $5; Porto Rico, $1; Settlement, $10; Thayer, $1. Total Student Aid, $44.
SPECIAL FUND.—Hawaii, $8; New Jersey, $21.05; Mothers' Jewels, $1.20; Thayer, $5. Total Special Fund, $35.25.
Grand Total Cash, $734.36.
By vouchers, $1,195.66.

Michigan Conference.

Mrs. De Los Fall, Treasurer, 1101 Michigan Ave., Albion, Mich.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,075.50; printing, $19.50; salary, $440.
Total General Fund, $1,535.00.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,832.88. Total Silver Offering, $1,832.88.
STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $20; Boaz, $107; Chinese, $10; De Pauw, $15; W. De Peyster, $30; Harwood, $25; Japanese, $5.29; King, $50; Jesse Lee, $50; Mitchell, $40; Mothers' Jewels, $19; McKinley, $30; Porto Rico, $30; E. L. Rust, $25; Ritter, $50; Stickney, $25; A. Smith, $100; Susannah Wesley, $25. Total Student Aid, $560.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boylan Settlement, $7; Boston Medical Mission, $30; Boaz, $186.22; Bradley, $10; Boylan, $3; Chinese, $25; Hawaii, $85; Harwood, $25; Japanese, $55; New Jersey, $160; Marcy, $40; New York Immigrant, $40; Pottawatomies, $5; Porto Rico, $205; Ritter, $255; Sinuk, $11.25; San Francisco Emergency, $2; Rehabilitation, $147.95. Total Special Fund, $1,312.42.
Grand Total Cash, $5,240.30.
By vouchers, $3,354.30.

Minnesota Conference.

Mrs. H. O. Helgeson, Treasurer, 424 Beacon Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $370.19; printing, 50 cents.
Total General Fund, $370.69.
SILVER OFFERING.—$151.65. Total Silver Offering, $151.65.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; Boston Medical Mission, $27.50; Boaz, $16; Chinese, $14; E. Dee, $25; Davis Deaconess Home, $16; De Pauw, $5; Harwood, $20; M. Haven, $20; Japanese, $13.42; New York Immigrant, $22.50; Mothers' Jewels, 67 cents; McKinley, $2; Navajo, $5; Pottawatomies, $5; Porto Rico, $20; Ritter, $85; Simpson, $5; Stickney, $5; Thayer, $37.15; Tucson, $35.
Total Student Aid, $389.24.
SPECIAL FUND.—Colorado Deaconess Home, $20; Colorado Deaconess Hospital, $10; Boaz, $143.16; Boston Immigrant, $20; Chinese. $14; Hawaii, $12.28; Japanese, $34.18; King, $5; Jesse Lee, $62.92; Marcy, $10.41; New York Immigrant, $70; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $10. Total Special Fund, $411.95.
Grand Total Cash, $1,323.53.
By vouchers. $883.55.

Mississippi Conference.

Mrs. C. L. Brown, Treasurer, Bolton, Miss.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $114; gift, $3; collection $1.
Total General Fund, $118.
Grand Total Cash, $118.

Montana Conference.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $85.25; collection, $38; Thank-offering, $34.27.
Total General Fund, $158.52.
SILVER OFFERING.—$20.50. Total Silver Offering, $20.50.
Grand Total Cash, $179.02.
By vouchers, $2.

Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. M. J. States, Treasurer, 1541 A St., Lincoln, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $746.91; printing, 60 cents; collections, $23.16.
Total General Fund, $770.67.
SILVER OFFERING.—$632.50. Total Silver Offering, $632.50.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $23.76; Boaz, $5; E. Dee, $7.75; Fisk, $8.98; Harwood, $30; Jesse Lee, $18.98; Mothers' Jewels, $229.81; McKinley, $5; Peck, $5; Porto Rico, $22.70; A. Smith, $40; Thayer, $10.
Total Student Aid, $441.98.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $6.50; Boston Medical Mission, $5; Chinese, $35; Eliza Dee, $5; W. De Peyster, $5, Fisk, $87.80; Hawaii, $40; Highlanders, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $10.55; Marcy, $5; Porto Rico, $25; Pottawatomies, $5; Pawnee, $5; Ritter, $25; San Francisco Emergency, $13.10. Total Special Fund, $277.95.
Grand Total Cash, $2,123.10.
By vouchers, $111.34.

Newark Conference.

Mrs. E. C. McNoughton, Treasurer, 38 Westerveld Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,350.07; life member, $20; Children's Birthday, $5; printing, $17.78. Total General Fund, $2,392.85.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,770.59. Total Silver Offering, $1,770.59.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $35.07; Boaz, $31; Bradley, $25; Chinese, $3; Community Schools, $10; De Pauw, $20; W. De Peyster, $70; Haven, $2; Harwood, $170; L. W. Hayes, $100; Japanese, $5; Kent, $40; McKinley, $54.75; Navajo, $17.50; New Jersey, $40; Ponca, $20; Porto Rico, $6; Geo. O. Robinson, $114; Ritter, $40; Thayer, $58.77; Tucson, $95. Total Student Aid, $967.20.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $9; Bancroft, $5; Chinese, $47; W. De Peyster, $25; Hawaii, $50; Harwood, $100; New York Immigrant, $55; Navajo, $32.50; Geo. O. Robinson, $133.75; Porto Rico, $81.25; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $31.35; San Francisco Emergency, $30.89; Utah, $20. Total Special Fund, $620.74.
Grand Total Cash, $5,751.38.
By vouchers, $4,014.06.

New England Conference.

Mrs. D. F. Barber, Treasurer, 47 Newtonville Ave., Newton, Mass.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,471.89; Mite-box collections, $14.68; printing, $1.25. Total General Fund, $1,487.82.

SILVER OFFERING.—$282.96. Total Silver Offering, $282.96.

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $23; Boylan, $20; Boaz, $45; Browning, $46; Chinese, $17.25; De Pauw, $10; De Peyster, $5; Haven, $50; Harwood, $15; King, $15; Jesse Lee, $15; McKinley, $20; Porto Rico, $15; Ritter, $40; Geo. O. Robinson, $2; Stickney, $10; Settlement, $10; Thayer, $150. Total Student Aid, $508.25.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boylan, $10; Boaz, $100.59; Chinese, $15; De Peyster, $5; Haven, $5; Hawaii, $50; L. W. Hayes, $5; Sinuk, $5. Total Special Fund, $195.59.

Grand Total Cash, $2,474.62.
By vouchers, $2,515.75.

New England Southern Conference.

Mrs. Eleanore J. Cooper, 152 Peace St., Providence, R. I.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,716.50; Mite-box collections, $53.99; printing, $6.25; collections, $10; Thank-offering, $1; gift, $7. Total General Fund, $1,794.74.

SILVER OFFERING.—$589.88. Total Silver Offering, $589.88.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $49.90; Alaska, $35; Bennett, $2; Boylan, $50; Browning, $50; Chinese, $25; W. De Peyster, $65; Emerson, $22.38; Haven, $10; Harwood, $15; King, $10; Mothers' Jewels, $45.89; McKinley, $10; Geo. O. Robinson, $30; Porto Rico, $28; Ritter, $67; Stickney, $10; San Francisco, $3; Thayer, $50. Total Student Aid, $578.17.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $20.11; Bennett, $10; Boaz, $487.79; Brewster, $10; Browning, $80; Chinese, $17.65; Dixon, $10; Haven, $5; Harwood, $5; Hawaii, $100; L. W. Hayes, $20; Boston Immigrant, $20; Japanese, $10; King, $20.11; Jesse Lee, $20; Marcy, $25; Boston Medical Mission, $100; Peck, $20; Pawnee, $5; Navajo, $10; Simpson, $25; San Francisco Emergency, $10.75; Sinuk, $10; Utah, $20; Ukiah, $5. Total Special Fund, $1,066.41.

Grand Total Cash, $4,029.20.
By vouchers, $603.52.

New Hampshire Conference.

Mrs. Alvina Young, Treasurer, Sunapee, N. H.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $642.35; printing, $3. Total General Fund, $645.35.

SILVER OFFERING.—$271.64. Total Silver Offering, $271.64.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $40; Boylan, $109; Browning, $43; Chinese, $10; Eliza Dee, $5; Highlanders, $20; King, $10; Jesse Lee, $54.50; Mitchell, $10; Porto Rico, $15. Total Student Aid, $316.50.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $45.71; Boylan, $6; Boston Immigrant, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $12.08; Boston Medical Mission, $35; Portland Deaconess Home, $20; San Francisco Emergency, $1.25; Tivoli, $4.09; Utah, $21.18. Total Special Fund, $170.31.

Grand Total Cash, $1,403.80.
By vouchers, $6.

New Jersey Conference.

Mrs. S. J. Turner, Treasurer, 4909 Cedar Ave., Philadelphia.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,039.52; printing, $8; Mite-box collections, $20.80; salary, $123. Total General Fund, $2,182.32.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,049.06. Total Silver Offering, $1,049.06.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $15; Boylan, $20; Chinese, $40; Dulce, $10; DePauw, $25; De Peyster, $80; Harwood, $65; Japanese, $15; Kent, $40; Jesse Lee, $61.88; Mothers' Jewels, $22.10; McKinley, $15; Navajo, $40; New Jersey, $25; Geo. O. Robinson, $15; Stickney, $10; Thayer, $10. Total Student Aid, $538.98.
SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft, $35; Boaz, $28.65; Bennett, $10; Chinese, $15; Hawaii, $10; Japanese, $15; Mothers' Jewels, $10; Boston Medical Mission, $15; Navajo, $65; Porto Rico, $10.10; Sinuk, $10; Tucson, $30. Total Special Fund, $263.75.

Grand Total Cash, $4,024.11.
By vouchers, $120.09.

New Mexico English Mission.

Mrs. J. T. Roe, Treasurer, 1104 Myrtle Ave., El Paso, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $71.10; printing, $1. Total General Fund, $72.10.
SILVER OFFERING.—$5. Total Silver Offering, $5.
STUDENT AID.—Harwood, $16. Total Student Aid, $16.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $3.50; Chinese, $12; Harwood, $5.80; El Paso, $38.74. Total Student Aid, $60.04.

Grand Total Cash, $153.14.

New Mexico Spanish Mission.

Mrs. A. P. Morrison, Treasurer.

GENERAL FUND.—Collection, $27. Total General Fund, $27.

Grand Total Cash, $27.

New York Conference.

Mrs. W. R. Baird, Treasurer, 63 W. 83d St., New York.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,300; printing, $2.50; salary, $7. Total General Fund, $1,309.50.
SILVER OFFERING.—$318.45. Total Silver Offering, $318.45.
STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $10; Boylan, $5; Boaz, $25; Bradley, $10; Community Schools, $3; DePauw, $12; De Peyster, $1,500; Fisk, $50; Haven, $2; L. W. Hayes, $100; Kent, $20; Jesse Lee, $31.75; New Jersey, $20; Porto Rico, $15. Total Student Aid, $1,803.75.
SPECIAL FUND.—Alger Fund, $40; Boaz, $143.75; Brewster, $5; Community Schools, $7; Cunningham, $3.50; De Peyster, $988.50; Fisk, $100; Highlanders, $10; Harwood, $41.50; Hawaii, $18.50; New York Immigrant, $2.50; Japanese, $23; Boston Medical Mission, $15; Navajo, $29.50; Porto Rico, $40; Ritter, $56; San Francisco Emergency, $40; San Francisco Building, $50; Thayer, $5; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $1,876.25.

Grand Total Cash, $4,607.48.
By vouchers, $4,663.59.

New York East Conference.

Mrs. Frances E. Green, Treasurer, 115 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,887.44; Mite-box collections, $10.57; salary, $10. Total General Fund, $1,908.01.

SILVER OFFERING.—$1,189.05. Total Silver Offering, $1,189.05.

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $40; Boaz, $20; Chinese, $60; De Peyster, $145; Hawaii, $35; Harwood, $85.52; Japanese, $80; Kent, $20; Jesse Lee, $80; Mothers' Jewels, $10; Navajo, $40; New Jersey, $50; Porto Rico, $120; Ritter, $20; Stickney, $115; Thayer, $25.
Total Student Aid, $945.52.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft, $30; Boylan, $10; Boaz, $133.55; Chinese, $50; De Peyster, $5; Highlanders, $30; Harwood, $64.50; New York Immigrant, $81; Navajo, $10; Porto Rico, $60; Stickney, $25; San Francisco Emergency, $1; San Francisco Training School, $3; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $31.85; Utah, $20.
Total Special Fund, $164.90.

Grand Total Cash, $4,607.48.
By vouchers, $4,663.59.

North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. N. C. Beardon, Treasurer, Charlotte, N. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $68.28. Total General Fund, $68.28.

Grand Total Cash, $68.28.
By vouchers, $80.

North Dakota Conference.

Miss Nina Averland, Treasurer, Fargo, North Dakota.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $252.41; Mite-box collections, $29.45; printing, $2.30; salary, $87.75; Thank-offering, $6.50.
Total General Fund, $378.41.

SILVER OFFERING.—$130.70. Total Silver Offering, $130.70.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $15; Boaz, $40; Harwood, $70; Hawaii, $15; Jesse Lee, $6.02; Mothers' Jewels, $5; Ritter, $70; Porto Rico, $16; Stickney, $16; Thayer, $10. Total Student Aid, $257.02.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $14; Boylan, $10; Cunningham, $6.25; Marcy, $31.50; Mothers' Jewels, $10; Porto Rico, $10; Sinuk, $10.
Total Special Fund, $91.75.

Grand Total Cash, $857.88.
By vouchers, $160.64.

North Montana.

GENERAL FUND.—$2.
Grand Total Cash, $2.

North Indiana Conference.

Mrs. J. W. Vail, Treasurer, Decatur, Ind.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,399; printing, $23.50; Mite-box collections, $36.77; salary, $649. Total General Fund, $3,108.27.

SILVER OFFERING.—$1,036.42. Total Silver Offering, $1,036.42.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $14; Boaz, $233.55; Boylan, $179; Bradley, $7; Chinese, $93.25; De Pauw, $40; Dulce, $7; Emerson, $50; Harwood, $145.60; Haven, $7.11; Hawaii, $26; Japanese, $116; Jesse Lee, $10; L. W. Hayes, $92.25; Mothers' Jewels, $63.52; Mitchell, $35; Porto Rico, $7; Pawnee, $6.50; Ritter, $113.75; Thayer, $31; De Peyster, $20. Total Student Aid, $1,297.53.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft, $14; Boaz, $160.02; Boylan, $5; Bradley, $3; Boston Medical Mission, $10; Cunningham, $20; Chinese, $8; Detroit Deaconess Home, $12.50; Dickson, $20; Fisk, $4; Hawaii, $109; Haven, $17.89; Indiana Deaconess Home, $90.90; Indiana Deaconess Hospital, $326.37; New York Immigrant, $5; Marcy, $30; Mitchell, $15; Pawnee, $28.60; Porto Rico, $41; Sinuk, $10; Rehabilitation Fund, $6.75; Ukiah, $10. Total Special Fund, $947.03.

Grand Total Cash, $6,389.25.

By vouchers, $316.89.

North Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. E. T. George, Treasurer, Albion, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $809.55; Mite-boxes, $24.15; printing, $2.50; salary, $120; Thank-offering, $29.75. Total General Fund, $985.95.

SILVER OFFERING.—$240.17. Total Silver Offering, $240.17.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $30; Chinese, $5; Cunningham, $7; Fisk, $110; Harwood, $10; M. Haven, $40; Mothers' Jewels, $134.41; Ritter, $15; Thayer, $10. Total Student Aid, $361.41.

SPECIAL FUND.—A Smith, $5; Boaz, $38.25; Chinese, $10; Eliza Dee, $10; Harwood, $35; Haven, $2.61; Hawaii, $15; New York Immigrant, $15; Boston Immigrant, $10; Jesse Lee, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $19; Navajo, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $10; Stickney, $10; Utah, $15. Total Special Fund, $229.86.

Grand Total Cash, $1,817.39.

By vouchers, $137.07.

North Ohio Conference.

Mrs. H. W. Cary, Treasurer, Millersburg, Holmes Co., Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,579.97; printing, $4.50; Mite-box collections, $42.03; salary, $5; Thank-offering, $79.70. Total General Fund, $1,711.20.

SILVER OFFERING.—$331.71. Total Silver Offering, $331.71.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; Bennett, $32.50; Boaz, $5; Boylan, $40; Chinese, $5; De Pauw, $9.86; Eliza Dee, $5; Hawaii, $20; Haven, $10; Jesse Lee, $42; L. W. Hayes, $95; Japanese, $2.50; Mothers' Jewels, $27.55; M. Haven, $22.31; New Jersey, $10; Ritter, $15; E. L. Rust, $36.46; Stickney, $7.75; Thayer, $13. Total Student Aid, $408.93.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bennett, $118.58; Boston Medical Mission, $33.45; Bradley, 63 cents; Boaz, $69.65; Chinese, $45.42; Cleveland West Side, $241.30; Dickson, $70.05; De Pauw, $10; Eliza Dee, $3; Harwood, $17; King, $5; Marcy, $5; Navajo, $10; Porto Rico, $5; Ritter, $16; Rust Hall, $5; San Francisco Emergency, $1; Sinuk, $15; Ukiah, $5; Utah, $5. Total Special Fund, $681.08.

Grand Total Cash, $3,132.92.

By vouchers, $7,606.31.

Northern Minnesota Conference.

Mrs. F. F. Safford, Treasurer, 2608 Pillsbury Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $478; printing, $2.50; salary, $315.
Total General Fund, $795.50.
SILVER OFFERING.—$224.29. Total Silver Offering, $224.29.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $40; Boaz, $26.43; Browning, $27.25; Bennett, $60; Chinese, $102; Fisk, $50; Harwood, $90; Haven, $40; Hawaii, $24.93; Jesse Lee, $180; Japanese, $20; L. W. Hayes, $50; Mothers' Jewels, $50; Porto Rico, $120.96. Total Student Aid, $881.59.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $64.55; Chinese, $24.21; Dulce, $50; Harwood, $20; Hawaii, $10; New York Immigrant, $20; Jesse Lee, $15; Marcy, $45; Porto Rico, $21.74; Sinuk, $35; Stickney, $15.
Total Special Fund, $320.50.

Grand Total Cash, $2,221.86.
By vouchers, $1,101.99.

Northern New York Conference.

Mrs. Roxa Fitch, Treasurer, Box 65, Lowville, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,560.27; printing, $3.49; salary, $320.89.
Total General Fund, $2,884.65.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,141.57. Total Silver Offering, $1,141.57.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $40.95; Allen, $1; Boylan, $10; Boaz, $49.11; Harwood, $69.66; Hawaii, $12.15; Jesse Lee, $50.88; L. W. Hayes, $201.39; Mary Haven, $40; Mothers' Jewels, $18.07; Porto Rico, $10; Ritter, $195.09; Stickney, $25.45; De Peyster, $51.
Total Student Aid, $774.75.
SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $25; Boaz, $127.59; Boylan, $1.75; Boston Medical Mission, $99.90; Community Schools, $25; Chinese, $33.13; Dulce, $5; Hawaii, $29.91; Haven, $10; Immigrant, N. Y., $51; Jesse Lee, $50.04; Japanese, $13.14; Porto Rico, $25; Pottawatomies, $5; Pawnee, $9; Ritter, $5; Rust Hall, $50.66; San Francisco Emergency, $35.75; Utica, $1.05; Ukiah, $10; De Peyster, $15.
Total Special Fund, $627.92.

Grand Total Cash, $5,428.89.
By vouchers, $784.68.

Northwest Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Myron Campbell, South Bend, Ind.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,241.36; salary, $115; printing, $7.50.
Total General Fund, $1,363.86.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,065.92. Total Silver Offering, $1,065.92.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $80; Boaz, $40.05; Boylan, $25; Chinese, $3.60; DePauw, $5; Haven, $7.50; Hawaii, $15; Japanese, $60; Jesse Lee, $94; Mothers' Jewels, $15.30; Navajo, $40; Peck, $20; Porto Rico, $45; Ukiah, $15.12. Total Student Aid, $505.57.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $279.05; Chinese, $127; Hawaii, $100; Indiana Deaconess Home, $10; Jesse Lee, $51.35; Marcy, $100; Mothers' Jewels, $45; Mitchell, $10; Ponca, $5; Pottawatomies, $5; New York Immigrant, $25; Porto Rico, $20; Utah, $15.
Total Special Fund, $792.40.

Grand Total Cash, $3,727.75.
By vouchers, $68.84.

Northwest Iowa Conference.

Mrs. Maria Keck, Treasurer, Morningside, Sioux City, Iowa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,582.22; printing, $27.75; salary, $22.75.
Total General Fund, $1,632.72.
SILVER OFFERING.—$300.28. Total Silver Offering, $300.28.
STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $40; Boaz, $22.09; Chinese, $60; Jesse Lee, $50; L. W. Hayes, $59.50; Mitchell, $30.70; Pledges, $82.11; Porto Rico, $15; King, $40; Ritter, $80; Stickney, $40; Japanese, $11.88.
Total Student Aid, $531.28.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $55.74; Mothers' Jewels, $18.85; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $3.30. Total Special Fund, $77.89.
Grand Total Cash, $2,542.17.
By vouchers, $999.36.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

Mrs. Isaiah McDowell, Treasurer, 400 S. 9th St., Salina, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $113.76; printing, 50 cents.
Total General Fund, $114.26.
SILVER OFFERING.—$172.14. Total Silver Offering, $172.14.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $5; Chinese, $8; Fisk, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $5.
Total Student Aid, $43.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $32.56. Total Special Fund, $32.56.
Grand Total Cash, $361.96.
By vouchers, $78.60.

Ohio Conference.

Mrs. Thos. Evans, Treasurer, 636 Franklin Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,149.41; Mite-box collections, $17.98; printing, $3; Thank-offering, $157.53. Total General Fund, $1,327.92.
SILVER OFFERING.—$446.31. Total Silver Offering, $446.31.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $25; Chinese, $15; Harwood, $60; Japanese, $15; Jesse Lee, $30; King, $25; L. W. Hayes, $18; Mothers' Jewels, $57.90; Porto Rico, $45; Ritter, $105; Stickney, $15; Thayer, $2.50.
Total Student Aid, $413.40.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $25; Boston Medical Mission, $25; Bennett, $50; Boaz, $141.05; Chinese, $45; Haven, $5; Hawaii, $75; Harwood, $35; Immigrant, N. Y., $50; Japanese, $2; L. W. Hayes, $40; Mothers' Jewels, $18; Mitchell, $40; Navajo, $20; New York Immigrant, $30; Porto Rico, $2.25; Pottawatomies, $10; Ritter, $279.20; Simpson, $25; Sinuk, $30; Ukiah, $5; Utah, $72. Total Special Fund, $1,247.25.
Grand Total Cash, $3,434.88.
By vouchers, $674.54.

Oklahoma Conference.

Mrs. W. O. Allen, Treasurer, Shattuck, Okla.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $514.61; Mite-box collections, $7.42.
Total General Fund, $522.03.
SILVER OFFERING.—$60.05. Total Silver Offering, $60.05.
STUDENT AID.—Thayer, $10. Total Student Aid, $10.
Grand Total Cash, $592.08.
By vouchers, $10.

Oregon Conference.

Mrs. L. C. Dickey, Treasurer, 293 E. 34th St., Portland, Ore.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $297.83; Mite-box collections, $3.91.
Total General Fund, $301.74.
SILVER OFFERING.—$495.33. Total Silver Offering, $495.33.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $29.80; Chinese, $25; Japanese, $5; Jesse Lee, $5; Ritter, $60; Stickney, $55. Total Student Aid, $179.80.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $10.20; Boaz, $13.20; Hawaii, $10; Jesse Lee, $10; Mothers' Jewels, $15; San Francisco Training School, $61.73; San Francisco Emergency, $41.62. Total Special Fund, $161.75.
Grand Total Cash, $1,138.62.
By vouchers, $296.31.

Philadelphia Conference.

Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Treasurer, 1130 Fillmore St., Frankford, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,377.17; printing, $12; salary, $242.60.
Total General Fund, $1,631.77.
SILVER OFFERING.—$168.64. Total Silver Offering, $168.64.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $50; Chinese, $85; Dulce, $13.50; DePauw, $50; Harwood, $100; Haven, $241; Japanese, $60; Jesse Lee, $104.60; L. W. Hayes, $195.65; Porto Rico, $95; Mary Haven, $20; Ritter, $80; Simpson, $50; Stickney, $40; Thayer, $70.
Total Student Aid, $1,254.75.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $10; A. Smith, $10; Bancroft, $126; Boaz, $10; Browning, $8; Brewster, $7; Boston Medical Mission, $11; Chinese, $50; Hawaii, $88; Immigrant, Philadelphia, $15; Mitchell, $5; Ponca, $10.75; Porto Rico, $26; Permanent Rest, $2; Simpson, $10; San Francisco, $37; Sinuk, $11; Thayer, $24. Total Special Fund, $460.75.
Grand Total Cash, $3,515.91.
By vouchers, $8,282.18.

Pittsburg Conference.

Miss A. R. Ingram, Treasurer, 113 Sampson St., Allegheny, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,711.51; printing, $3.25.
Total General Fund, $2,714.76.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,028.88. Total Silver Offering, $1,028.88.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $20; Boaz, $169; Boylan, $40; Brewster, $25; Dulce, $10; Japanese, $10; Jesse Lee, $80; Porto Rico, $75; Ritter, $60; Stickney, $60; Thayer, $20; De Peyster, $60.
Total Student Aid, $629.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $20; Boaz, $341.50; Boston Medical Mission, $20; Boston Immigrant, $10; Bennett, $10; Browning, $10; Cunningham, $15; Dickson, $20; DePauw, $10; Harwood, $25; Hawaii, $410; Haven, $10; Jesse Lee, $65; Mitchell, $20; New York Immigrant, $30; Mary Haven, $10; Navajo, $10; Porto Rico, $88; Pottawatomies, $25; Ponca, $10; Ritter, $45; San Francisco, $94.65; Settlement, $69; Sinuk, $50; San Francisco Rest, $10; De Peyster, $25; Utah, $35.
Total Special Fund, $1,488.15.
Grand Total Cash, $5,860.79.
By vouchers, $5,434.52.

Puget Sound Conference.

Mrs. Roy S. Dunlap, Treasurer, Pe Ell, Wash.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $383.68; Mite-box collections, $84.11; organizers, $13; printing, $1.40; Thank-offering, $105.85.
Total General Fund, $588.04.

SILVER OFFERING.—$176.10. Total Silver Offering, $176.10.

STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $17; Jesse Lee, $92.65; Mitchell, $16; San Francisco Training School, $65.29; Stickney, $374.07; Thayer, $40.
Total Student Aid, $605.05.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $37.90; Chinese, $5; Deaconess Work, $3.15; Japanese, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $2.75.
Total Special Fund, $58.80.

Grand Total Cash, $1,427.95.
By vouchers, $153.78.

Porto Rico Spanish.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $20. Total General Fund, $20.

SPECIAL FUND.—Porto Rico, $50. Total Special Fund, $50.

Grand Total Cash, $70.

Rock River Conference.

Mrs. Mary C. Keiser, Treasurer, 6000 Wentworth Ave., Chicago.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $3,980.84; collection, $51; life member, $20; printing, $15.46; salary, $25. Total General Fund, $4,092.32.

SILVER OFFERING.—$1,248.94. Total Silver Offering, $1,248.94.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $182.18; Bennett, $20; Boaz, $99.70; Browning, $50; Boylan, $175; Chinese, $115.50; Cunningham, $50; DePauw, $40; Harwood, $76.51; Hawaii, $40; Jesse Lee, $145.60; Japanese, $107; Kent, $60; L. W. Hayes, $33.50; Marcy, $100; Mothers' Jewels, $3.60; Mitchell, $140; Navajo, $94.50; Porto Rico, $118.25; Ritter, $100; Simpson, $10; Stickney, $145.32; Thayer, $40; Utah, $20; De Peyster, $5. Total Student Aid, $1,921.66.

SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $100; Bennett, $10; Boylan, $31.95; Boaz, $255; Chinese, $100; Cunningham, $123.40; Hawaii, $10; Japanese, $10; Jesse Lee, $25; Marcy, $795; New York Immigrant, $52.29; Navajo, $27.68; Porto Rico, $68.01; Ritter, $50; San Francisco, $5; Stickney, $55.80; Settlement, $40; Thayer, $1; Utah, $25.
Total Special Fund, $1,785.13.

Grand Total Cash, $9,048.03.
By vouchers, $3,226.39.

Savannah Conference.

Miss Lucy Stripling, Treasurer, Statesborough, Ga.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $43.45; collections, $13.95.
Total General Fund, $57.40.

SILVER OFFERING.—$10. Total Silver Offering, $10.

Grand Total Cash, $67.40.

St. John's River Conference.

Mrs. C. B. Fox, Treasurer, 1127 E. Dunlap St., Jacksonville, Fla.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $18.20; Contingent Fund, $10. Total General Fund, $28.20.
SILVER OFFERING.—$2.56. Total Silver Offering, $2.56.
SPECIAL FUND.—Ritter, $32.26. Total Special Fund, $32.26.
Grand Total Cash, $63.02.

St. Louis Conference.

Mrs. W. O. Miller, Treasurer, 3211 Garner Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $494.87; Mite-box collections, $35.57; printing, 75 cents; salary, $2; Thank-offering, $1. Total General Fund, $534.19.
SILVER OFFERING.—$309.69. Total Silver Offering, $309.69.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $42.20; Boaz, $55; Bennett, $50; Chinese, $20; Fisk, $70; Harwood, $65; Mothers' Jewels, $4.50; Pottawatomies, $10; Porto Rico, $34; Ritter, $88.48. Total Student Aid, $439.18.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $33; Deaconess Work, $10; Colorado Deaconess Home, $300; Mothers' Jewels, $5; Sinuk, $60. Total Special Fund, $408.
Grand Total Cash, $1,691.06.
By vouchers, $410.83.

South Kansas Conference.

Mrs. A. H. Hollingshead, Treasurer, Garnett, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $336.79; Mite-box collections, $107.63. Total General Fund, $444.42.
SILVER OFFERING.—$57.16. Total Silver Offering, $57.16.
STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $7.50; Eliza Dee, $25; Porto Rico, $5; Thayer, $25. Total Student Aid, $62.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $5; Boaz, $33.82; Chinese, $18; Hawaii, $5; Harwood, $10; Jesse Lee, $10; Porto Rico, $5; Pottawatomies, $15; Ritter, $10; E. L. Rust, $40; Thayer, $10; Ukiah, $15; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $186.82.
Grand Total Cash, $750.90.
By vouchers, $226.75.

South Carolina Conference.

Mrs. A. J. Camlin, Treasurer, Liberty, S. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Collections, $28. Total General Fund, $28.
Grand Total Cash, $28.

Southern California Conference.

Miss Edith Hough, Treasurer, 637 S. Main, Los Angeles, Cal.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,320.23; life member, $75; Mite-box collections, $30.75; printing, $6.05. Total General Fund, $,2,364.53.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,075.96. Total Silver Offering, $1,075.96.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; A. Smith, $40; Boaz, $27.62; Boylan, $5; Chinese, $15; Dulce, $16; Harwood, $55; Hawaii, $28; Jesse Lee, $192.25; Mothers' Jewels, $26; New York Immigrant, $5; Porto Rico, $136.57; Ritter, $5; Stickney, $17.60; Sinuk, $18.75; Thayer, $43; Utah, $9.50; De Peyster, $15. Total Student Aid, $665.29.
Grand Total Cash, $4,105.78.
By vouchers, $14,781.11.

Southern Illinois Conference.

Mrs. Olive S. Brown, Treasurer, Albion, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $451.30; Mite-box collections, $24; printing, $10.60; Thank-offering, $78.97. Total General Fund, $564.87.
SILVER OFFERING.—$188.11. Total Silver Offering, $188.11.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $15; Browning, $5; Fisk, $8.67; F. DePauw, $25; Harwood, $10; Japanese, $20; L. W. Hayes, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $40; Porto Rico, $15; Ritter, $15; Stickney, $11; De Peyster, $5. Total Student Aid, $174.67.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $85.13; Brewster, $20; Cunningham, $28.51; Chinese, $5.50; Emerson, $5; Harwood, $10; Hawaii, $10; Japanese, $15; Jesse Lee, $20; King, $5; Marcy, $25.01; Mothers' Jewels, $15; New York Immigrant, $10; Ritter, $10; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $16.66; Stickney, $29; Thayer, $5; Utah, $5. Total Special Fund, $319.81.
Grand Total Cash, $1,247.46.
By vouchers, $451.94.

Southwest Kansas Conference.

Mrs. K. S. Eberley, Treasurer, 1046 N. Lawrence Ave., Wichita, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,115.88; printing, $5.30; salary, $96. Total General Fund, $1,217.18.
SILVER OFFERING.—$79.36. Total Silver Offering, $79.36.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $12.05; Boylan, $10; Chinese, $65; Eliza Dee, $20; Fisk, $51.50; Hawaii, $31.70; Harwood, $20; Jesse Lee, $22; L. W. Hayes, $75; Mothers' Jewels, $21.46; Porto Rico, $29; Ritter, $58.30; De Peyster, $9.55. Total Student Aid, $425.26.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $65.21; Chinese, $24.20; Dulce, $40; Eliza Dee, $20; Fisk, $8; Harwood, $20; Hawaii, $92.25; Highlanders, $108; L. W. Hayes, $25; King, $15; New Jersey, $22.95; Porto Rico, $49.87; Ritter, $47.70; San Francisco, $55.80. Total Special Fund, $593.98.
Grand Total Cash, $2,316.08.
By vouchers, $1,553.62.

Tennessee Conference.

Mrs. F. A. White, Treasurer, Mason, Tipton Co., Tenn.

GENERAL FUND.—$15. Total General Fund, $15.
Grand Total Cash, $15.

Texas Conference.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Treasurer, Holston, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $175.15; Thank-offering, $6.25; Mite-box collections, $1; printing, $25. Total General Fund, $182.65.

SILVER OFFERING.—$5.90. Total Silver Offering, $5.90.
SPECIAL FUND.—King, $74.35. Total Special Fund, $74.35.
Grand Total Cash, $262.90.
By vouchers, $22.46.

Troy Conference.

Miss Helena Ide, Treasurer, 586 4th Ave., Lansingburg, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,313.33; salary, $91; Thank-offering, $14.03. Total General Fund, $2,418.36.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,350.17. Total Silver Offering, $1,350.17.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $34; Chinese, $56; Dulce, $111; E. Dee, $10; Emerson, $5; Haven, $10; Harwood, $20; Hawaii, $25; Japanese, $33.50; Jesse Lee, $50; L. W. Hayes, $120; Mitchell, $50; Navajo, $309.50; Porto Rico, $15; E. L. Rust, $5; Simpson, $5; Stickney, $21; Tucson, $10; De Peyster, $176.50. Total Student Aid, $1,066.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Brewster, $25; Boaz, $46.15; Bancroft, $10; Boston Medical Mission, $15; Community Schools, $5; Dulce, $55; Emerson, $10; E. L. Rust, $5; Hawaii, $10; Harwood, $25; Japanese, $5; Jesse Lee, $35; Kent, $15; Mitchell, $25; Navajo, $273.80; New York Immigrant, $52; Permanent Deaconess Fund, $100; Porto Rico, $190; Pottawatomies, $25; Ritter, $100; Sinuk, $5; Simpson, $5; Stickney, $25; Rust Hall, $15; San Francisco Emergency, $32; Tucson, $25; Utah, $100; Ukiah, $10; De Peyster, $100. Total Special Fund, $1,343.95.
Grand Total Cash, $6,178.98.
By vouchers, $4,124.54.

Upper Iowa Conference.

Mrs. R. B. Van Ness, Treasurer, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,100.95; printing, $2.10. Total General Fund, $2,103.05.
SILVER OFFERING.—$1,021.29. Total Silver Offering, $1,021.29.
STUDENT AID.—A Smith, $40; Boaz, $77.20; Bennett, $70.20; Brewster, $25; E. Dee, $21; Fisk, $30; Harwood, $80; Japanese, $11.11; Jesse Lee, $45.60; King, $15.60; L. W. Hayes, $47.51; Mothers' Jewels, $48.10; Porto Rico, $30; San Francisco, $33.28; De Peyster, $9.20; Pledges, $558.08. Total Student Aid, $1,141.88.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $37; Bancroft, $25; Boston Medical Mission, $10; Browning, $25; Chinese, $23.37; Dickson, $10.25; Emerson, $25; Glenn, $25; Hawaii, $125; Japanese, $46.74; L. W. Hayes, $4.50; Marcy, $23.80; Mothers' Jewels, $20; Porto Rico, $6.65; Ponca, $6.31; Pottawatomies, $50.45; San Francisco Training School, $34; San Francisco Rehabilitation, $70.50; Sinuk, $10; Settlement, $25; Thayer, $25; Utah, $75.72; Ukiah, $7; Tucson, $29.77. Total Special Fund, $742.26.
Grand Total Cash, $5,008.48.
By vouchers, $479.15.

Utah Conference.

Mrs. J. R. Bowdle, Treasurer, 362 So. 3rd East St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $48.20; printing, 50 cents; Contingent, 60 cents; gift, $4. Total General Fund, $53.30.
SILVER OFFERING.—$8.10. Total Silver Offering, $8.10.

STUDENT AID.—Mothers' Jewels, $28.70. Total Student Aid, $28.70.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $1.65. Total Special Fund, $1.65.
Grand Total Cash, $91.75.
By vouchers, $86.50.

Vermont Conference.

Miss Alice Farnham, Treasurer, Copperfield, Vt.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $480.30; Mite-boxes, 50 cents; gift, $25; Thank-offering, $32.93. Total General Fund, $538.73.
STUDENT AID.—Brewster, $55; Boaz, $40; L. W. Hayes, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $10; New Jersey, $14; Kent, $40; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $40; Thayer, $70. Total Student Aid, $334.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $10; Chinese, $7; Portland Deaconess, $1.50; San Francisco Emergency, $5; Settlement, $25.
Total Special Fund, $48.50.
Grand Total Cash, $964.20.
By vouchers, $186.

Virginia Conference.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $61. Total General Fund, $61.
Grand Total Cash, $61.

Washington Conference.

Miss Fannie Clair, Treasurer, 1914 11th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $333.35. Total General Fund, $333.35.
SILVER OFFERING.—$27. Total Silver Offering, $27.
STUDENT AID.—E. Dee, $10; Haven, $10; Thayer, $60.
Total Student Aid, $80.
Grand Total Cash, $440.35.
By vouchers, $71.

West Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. E. Smith, Treasurer, Indianalo, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $119.15; Thank-offering, $2.30.
Total General Fund, $121.45.
SILVER OFFERING.—$12. Total Silver Offering, $12.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $83.84; San Francisco Emergency, $5; San Francisco Deaconess, $10. Total Special Fund, $103.84.
Grand Total Cash, $237.29.

West Texas Conference.

Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, Treasurer, 731 Dawson St., San Antonio, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $107.80; salary, $50. Total General Fund, $157.80.
SILVER OFERING.—$25.95. Total Silver Offering, $25.95.
STUDENT AID.—E. Dee, $50. Total Student Aid, $50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Eliza Dee, $135.31. Total Special Fund, $135.31.
Grand Total Cash, $369.06.
By vouchers, $28.

West Virginia Conference.

Mrs. H. F. Jones, Treasurer, 48 So. Front St., Wheeling, W. Va.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $420.03; collection, $13. Total General Fund, $433.03.

SILVER OFFERING.—$97. Total Silver Offering, $97.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $29; Chinese, $5; Japanese, $5; Jesse Lee, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $43.50; Ritter, $25. Total Student Aid, $112 50.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $22.20; Chinese, $125; San Francisco Emergency, $23; Permanent Deaconess Fund, $5. Total Special Fund, $175 20.

Grand Total Cash, $817.73.
By vouchers, $29.79.

West Wisconsin Conference.

Mrs. D. T. Teare, Treasurer, Augusta, Wis.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $461.68; Thank-offering, $42.40; Mite-box collections, $6.05; Contingent Fund, $4.95. Total General Fund, $515.08.

SILVER OFFERING.—$79.80. Total Silver Offering, $79.80.

STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $78.68; Jesse Lee, $53; Porto Rico, $12.67; Ritter, $50.25. Total Student Aid, $194.60.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $4.35; Hawaii, $25; Permanent Deaconess Fund, $25; Rehabilitation, $28. Total Special Fund, $82.35.

Grand Total Cash, $871.83.
By vouchers, $86.58.

Wilmington Conference.

Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Treasurer, 1804 Washington St., Wilmington, Del.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $885.77; printing, $27. Total General Fund, $888.02.

SILVER OFFERING.—$575.43. Total Silver Offering, $575.43.

STUDENT AID.—Harwood, $5; Rust Hall, $95; Mothers' Jewels, $20.27; Jesse Lee, $21.75; De Peyster, $20; Porto Rico, $39.27; Ritter, $10; Thayer, $15. Total Student Aid, $226.29.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $7; Bancroft, $11; Chinese, $115; Hawaii, $10; New York Immigrant, $20; Navajo, $5; Porto Rico, $5; Rust Hall, $5; Hospital, $7.05; Stickney, $5; San Francisco, $40; Utah, $5. Total Special Fund, $235.05.

Grand Total Cash, $1,924.79.
By vouchers, $5.

Wisconsin Conference.

Mrs. Josephine Eversy, Treasurer, 400 6th St., Watertown, Wis.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $647.22; Mite-boxes, $74.24; Thank-offering, $36.06; honorary member, $2; printing, 50 cents. Total General Fund, $760.02.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $35.21; Jesse Lee, $2.55; Stickney, $48.70; Thayer, $60. Total Student Aid, $146.46.

SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $30; San Francisco Emergency, $10; Boaz, $55.60; Boylan, $5; De Peyster, $70; Hawaii, $1; Jesse Lee, $17.45; Marcy, $25.50; Peck, $24; Stickney, $5; Thayer, $21.55.
Total Special Fund, $205.10.

Grand Total Cash, $1,375.29.
By vouchers, $285.60.

Wyoming Conference.

Mrs. A. W. Clinton, Treasurer, 42 Front St., Binghamton, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,967.73; collection, $86; Mite-box, $48.93; printing, $4; Thank-offering, $15.36. Total General Fund, $2,122.02.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $43; Bennett, $130; Boylan, $60; Bradley, $2.40; Chinese, $54; Harwood, $70; Haven, $30; L. W. Hayes, $72; Jesse Lee, $53.68; Mothers' Jewels, $41.55; Navajo, $5; Japanese, $30.20; Porto Rico, $45; Ritter, $50; E. L. Rust, $45; Stickney, $51; Thayer, $45; De Peyster, $35. Total Student Aid, $862.83.
SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft, $25; Boaz, $64; Boylan, $25; Chinese, $50; DePauw, $25; Harwood, $55; Hawaii, $50; Boston Immigrant, $25; New York Immigrant, $45; Jesse Lee, $20; Japanese, $5; L. W. Hayes, $25; Ponca, $20; Rehabilitation, $10.45; De Peyster, $50; Utah, $25. Total Special Fund, $519.45.
Grand Total Cash, $4,154.36.
By vouchers, $52.83.

Wyoming Mission.

Mrs. G. W. McCreery, Rawlins, Wyoming.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $30.40. Total General Fund, $30.40.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $5; Dulce, $5; New Jersey, $5.
Total Student Aid, $15.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $1.50. Total Special Fund, $1.50.
Grand Total Cash, $46.90.
By vouchers, $21.28.

Other Sources.

GENERAL FUND.—*Conference Collections:* St. Louis German, $33; Indian Territory, $11; Kalispel, $1; Black Hills, $3; Chicago German, $7; Norway Danish, $2; Northern Montana, $20; Mobile, $1; Miscellaneous, $218; Upper Mississippi, $10; Denmark, $2.96.
Total Conference Collections, $308.96.
MISCELLANEOUS.—*Office Earnings:* Cincinnati, $88.94; Rent, Brooklyn Property, $332.38; Mite-boxes, $25.15; Dividend on Investments, $185.72; Royalty "Under Our Flag," $8.04; Miscellaneous, $170.25; General Publication, $700. Total General Fund, $1,818.19.
SILVER OFFERING.—$40. Total Silver Offering, $40.
STUDENT AID.—DePauw, $37; L. W. Hayes, $25. Total Student Aid, $62.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz Insurance, $10,016.60; Miscellaneous, $719.85; Hawaii, $102.97; Simpson Transfer, $600; Miscellaneous, $74.23.
Total Special Fund, $11,514.90.

Grand Total Cash, $13,744.05.
By vouchers, $748.01.

BEQUESTS RECEIVED DURING YEAR.

Mr. Levi Tippin, Manhattan, Kan., Kansas Conference,	$645 00
Mrs. F. G. Wright, New York Conference,	1,000 00
Mrs. Cynthia M. Jones, Round Lake, N. Y., Troy Conference,	480 00
Mr. Laban W. Haughey, Springfield, O., Cincinnati Conference,	311 00
Estate Albert Ingram, Fall River, Mass., N. Eng. Southern Conf.,	27 00
Estate Alice H. Chipman, Petoskey, Mich., Michigan Conference,	350 00
Mrs. Mary A. Laing, Rochester, N. Y., Troy Conference,	55 84
Estate Julia E. Tyler, Rochester, N. Y., Troy Conference,	357 73
Mrs. Helen M. Hill, Oakland, Pa., Pittsburg Conference,	250 00
Dr. C. C. Lathrop, Michigan Conference,	200 00
	$3,676 57

ANNUITY FUNDS RECEIVED DURING YEAR 1906-07.

On which Annual Interest is Paid.

Previously reported,	$47,134 84
Mrs. Christena Shaffner, Joliet, Ill.,	1,000 00
A Friend,	2,500 00
Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, Detroit, Mich,	5,000 00
Mrs. Phebe A. Clark, St. Johnsbury Centre, Vt.,	500 00
A Friend,	222 18
Mrs. M. E. Yates, Ft. Edwards, N. Y.,	2,000 00
Mr. A. L. Soules, Stockbridge, Mich.,	1,000 00
Miss Lou W. Nind, Detroit, Mich.,	500 00
$1,000 transferred from bills payable to an Annuity.	$59,857 02
Annuitants died during year	1,700 00
	$58,157 02

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Previously reported,	$37,140 57

NOTE—The above funds are gifts upon which the Society agrees to pay in perpetuity interest for the support of the object named by the donor.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—Year 1906-1907.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Silver Offering.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Total		Grand Total.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers	Cash.	Vouchers.	
Alabama	$43 00			$36 00		$20 80	$529 72	$99 80	$529 72	$629 52
Arkansas	73 55		$78 30	30 00	$50 00	5 05		186 90	50 00	236 90
Atlanta	110 68	$4 60	10 00	54 26			10 00	174 94	14 60	189 54
Austin	22 25		16 60			3 50		42 35		42 35
Baltimore	2,545 41	6 29	631 17	1,112 06		772 45	9,324 16	5,061 09	9,330 45	14,391 54
California	540 07	127 32	299 85	103 75	1,675 16	45 95	4,279 29	989 62	6,081 77	7,071 39
Central Alabama	47 97							47 97		47 97
Central Illinois	1,229 50	136 47	102 70	458 50	113 70	339 70	460 78	2,130 40	710 95	2,841 35
Central Missouri	110 00		84 75					194 75		194 75
Central New York	2,885 28	8 50	1,282 22	877 28	70 00	741 63	153 42	5,786 41	231 92	6,018 33
Central Ohio	3,184 58		1,173 28	671 60		1,587 43	336 17	6,616 89	336 17	6,953 06
Central Pennsylvania	1,635 77		366 44	957 71		581 21		3,541 13		3,541 13
Central Tennessee	31 00							31 00		31 00
Cincinnati	3,000 88	25 00	1,048 72	1,224 57		3,043 98	324 45	8,318 15	349 45	8,657 60
Colorado	684 22	439 45	249 30	202 63		77 97	10,844 02	1,214 12	11,283 47	12,497 59
Columbia River	287 10	39 91	45 00	7 50		61 00		400 60	39 91	440 51
Delaware	63 79		74 30		30 00			138 09	30 00	168 09
Dakota	48 50					100 00		148 50		
Des Moines*	1,086 64	181 08	1,040 42	797 50	42 50	268 35	119 54	3,192 91	343 12	3,684 53
Detroit†	2,644 25	1,586 51	10 00	1,495 47		961 10	1,651 67	5,110 82	3,238 18	8,349 00
East Maine	10 00		4 00					14 00		14 00
East Ohio	3,090 42	29 93	2,040 65	1,397 25	217 70	1,484 06	2,205 24	8,012 38	2,452 87	10,465 23
East Tennessee	50 00		20 00			7 00		77 00		77 00
East Swedish	20 00							20 00		20 00
Erie	3,727 72	75 15	957 27	884 00	55 00	1,344 50	1,573 18	6,913 49	1,703 33	8,616 82
Florida	4 80			16 20				21 00		21 00
Genesee	2,681 94	52 77	912 35	542 28		974 22	4,453 57	5,110 79	4,506 34	9,617 13
Gulf	54 45					1 00		55 45		55 45
Georgia	7 45							7 45		7 45
Holston	375 82		16 68	56 30	12 00	1,312 50	105 00	1,761 30	117 00	1,878 30
Idaho	21 95	7 00	45 25			2 15		69 35	7 00	76 35
Illinois	1,797 16	91 55	641 82	706 50		308 17	5,068 09	3,453 65	5,159 64	8,613 29
Indiana	2,000 72	3 63	875 17	649 56	40 00	344 62	372 00	3,870 07	415 63	4,285 70
Iowa	1,559 06	18 28	1,126 74	431 08		299 59	280 32	3,416 47	298 60	3,715 07
Kansas	824 09	28 28	253 38	531 00	17 00	333 76	465 15	1,942 23	510 43	2,452 66
Kentucky	330 26	13 15		170 00		45 00		545 26	13 15	558 41
Lexington	360 64		78 50	49 10		3 45		491 69		491 69
Little Rock	112 95	6 00	10 00	70		5 00		128 65	6 00	134 65

* Last quarter's report not included. † All vouchers not in.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	GENERAL FUND.		SILVER OFFERING.	STUDENT AID.		SPECIAL FUND.		TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	
Louisiana	$85 50	$14 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$85 50	$14 10	$99 60
Maine	427 31	94 80	$225 80	$44 00	.....	$35 25	$1,100 86	732 36	1,195 66	1,928 02
Michigan	1,535 00	401 80	1,832 88	560 00	$30 50	1,312 42	2,922 00	5,240 30	3,354 30	8,594 60
Minnesota	370 69	351 16	151 65	389 24	111 60	411 95	420 79	1,323 53	883 55	2,207 08
Mississippi	118 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 00	.....	118 00
Montana	158 52	2 00	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	179 02	2 00	181 02
Nebraska	770 67	28 34	632 50	441 98	50 00	277 95	33 00	2,123 10	111 34	2,234 44
Newark	2,392 85	.....	1,770 59	967 20	57 00	620 74	3,957 06	5,751 38	4,014 06	9,765 44
New England	1,487 82	.....	282 96	508 25	.....	195 59	2,515 75	2,474 62	2,515 75	5,090 37
New England Southern	1,794 74	345 65	589 88	578 17	125 00	1,066 41	132 87	4,029 20	603 52	4,632 72
New Hampshire	645 35	6 00	271 64	316 50	.....	170 31	.....	1,403 80	6 00	1,409 80
New Jersey	2,182 32	24 09	1,049 06	538 98	.....	253 75	96 00	4,024 11	120 09	4,144 10
New Mexico English	72 10	.....	5 00	16 00	.....	60 04	.....	153 14	.....	153 14
New Mexico Spanish*	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	.....	27 00
New York	1,309 50	.....	318 45	1,803 75	.....	1,876 25	523 00	5,307 95	523 00	5,830 95
New York East	1,908 01	.....	1,189 05	945 52	20 10	564 90	4,643 49	4,607 48	4,663 59	9,271 07
North Carolina	68 28	.....	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	68 28	80 00	148 28
North Dakota	378 41	145 64	130 70	257 02	.....	91 75	15 00	857 88	160 64	1,018 52
North Montana	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
North Indiana	3,108 27	278 89	1,036 42	1,297 53	.....	947 03	38 00	6,389 25	316 89	6,706 14
North Nebraska	985 95	35 42	240 17	361 41	6 65	229 86	95 00	1,817 39	137 07	1,954 46
North Ohio	1,711 20	155 88	331 71	408 93	5 00	681 08	7,445 43	3,132 92	7,606 31	10,738 23
Northern Minnesota	795 50	660 72	224 29	881 57	.....	320 50	441 27	2,221 86	1,101 99	3,323 85
Northern New York	2,884 65	20 91	1,141 57	774 75	3 00	627 92	760 77	5,428 89	784 68	6,213 57
Northwest Indiana	1,363 86	56 34	1,065 92	505 57	12 50	792 40	.....	3,727 75	68 84	3,796 59
Northwest Iowa	1,632 72	.....	300 28	531 28	.....	77 89	999 36	2,542 17	999 36	3,541 53
Northwest Kansas	114 26	.....	172 14	43 00	30 10	32 56	48 50	361 96	78 60	430 56
Northwest Nebraska	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	13 00
Ohio†	1,327 92	100 82	446 31	413 40	.....	1,247 25	573 72	3,434 88	674 54	4,109 42
Oklahoma	522 03	.....	60 05	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	592 08	10 00	602 08
Oregon	301 74	162 72	495 33	179 80	.....	161 75	133 59	1,138 62	296 31	1,434 93
Philadelphia	1,631 77	141 32	168 64	1,254 75	5 00	460 75	8,135 86	3,515 91	8,282 18	11,798 09
Pittsburg	2,714 76	.....	1,028 88	629 00	.....	1,488 15	5,434 52	5,860 79	5,434 52	11,295 31
Puget Sound	588 04	74 42	176 10	605 01	7 55	58 80	71 81	1,427 95	153 78	1,581 73
Porto Rico Spanish	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	70 00	.....	70 00
Rock River	4,092 30	131 05	1,248 94	1,921 66	110 00	1,785 13	2,985 34	9,048 03	3,226 39	12,274 42
Savannah	57 40	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 40	.....	67 40
St. John's River	28 20	.....	2 56	.....	.....	32 26	.....	63 02	.....	63 02

*Last quarter's report unavoidably delayed; hence not included. †Fourth quarter unavoidably delayed; hence not included.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	GENERAL FUND.		SILVER OFFERING.	STUDENT AID.		SPECIAL FUND.		TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	
St. Louis	$534 19	$12 50	$309 69	$439 18	$83 03	$408 00	$315 30	$1,691 06	$410 83	$2,101 89
South Carolina	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	.....	28 00
South Kansas	444 42	.....	57 16	62 50	91 35	186 82	135 40	750 90	226 75	977 65
Southern California	2,364 53	2,993 34	1,075 96	665 29	40 00	.....	11,747 77	4,105 78	14,781 11	18,886 89
Southern Illinois	564 87	401 94	188 11	174 67	50 00	319 81	.....	1,247 46	451 94	1,699 40
Southwest Kansas	1,217 18	143 35	79 36	425 50	61 00	593 98	1,349 27	2,316 08	1,553 62	3,869 70
Tennessee	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
Texas	182 65	.....	5 90	.....	.....	74 35	22 46	262 90	22 46	285 36
Troy	2,418 36	36 75	1,350 17	1,066 50	176 25	1,343 95	3,911 54	6,178 98	4,124 54	10,243 52
Upper Iowa	2,103 05	166 02	1,021 29	1,141 88	22 00	742 26	291 13	5,008 48	479 15	5,487 63
Utah	53 30	.....	8 10	28 70	.....	1 65	86 50	91 75	86 50	178 25
Vermont	538 73	.....	42 97	334 00	.....	48 50	186 00	964 20	186 00	1,050 20
Virginia	61 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 00	.....	61 00
Washington	333 35	71 00	27 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	440 35	71 00	511 35
West Nebraska	121 45	.....	12 00	.....	.....	103 84	.....	237 29	.....	237 29
West Texas	157 80	.....	25 95	50 00	20 00	135 31	8 00	369 06	28 00	397 06
West Virginia	433 03	.....	97 00	112 50	.....	175 20	29 79	817 73	.....	847 52
West Wisconsin	515 08	39 58	79 80	194 60	.....	82 35	47 00	871 83	86 58	958 41
Wilmington	888 02	.....	575 43	226 29	.....	235 05	.....	1,924 79	.....	1,924 79
Wisconsin	760 02	278 35	263 71	146 46	7 25	205 10	.....	1,375 29	285 60	1,660 69
Wyoming	2,122 02	32 83	650 06	862 83	.....	519 45	20 00	4,154 36	52 83	4,207 19
Wyoming Mission	30 40	21 28	.....	15 00	.....	1 50	.....	46 90	21 28	68 18
Other Sources	1,818 19	10 00	40 00	62 00	.....	11,514 90	738 01	13,435 09	748 01	14,283 10
Monthly Publication	2,800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,800 00	.....	2,800 00
Total from Conferences	$97,436 15	10,319 88	$36,025 49	$36,735 03	3,540 94	$47,697 80	104,966 93	$17,894 47	118,829 75	$336,722 22
Annuities	12,722 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,722 18	.....	12,722 18
Bequests	3,676 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,676 57	.....	3,676 57
Bills payable	24,648 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,648 92	.....	24,648 92	.....	24,648 92
Cash balance from last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,450 72	.....	1,450 72	.....	1,450 72
Total receipts	$138,483 82	10,319 88	$36,025 49	$36,735 03	3,540 94	$73,797 44	104,966 93	$260,392 73	118,829 75	$379,220 48

Grand Total—Cash and Vouchers **$354,571 56**

Cash borrowed during the year 24,648 92

EXPENDITURES AUGUST 1st, 1906, TO AUGUST 1st, 1907.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher
Haven Home	$1,640 00		$175 00	$450 00		$531 76	$273 50	$45 50		$2,842 26	$273 50
Mary Haven Home	480 00		66 75	175 00		202 31				924 06	
Thayer Home	1,950 00		70 00	200 00		1,477 20	118 50	361 55		4,058 75	118 50
Boylan Home	2,800 00		559 72	300 00		908 76		184 25		4,752 73	
Boylan Settlement Work	480 00		60 75					255 95		796 70	
Brewster H spital	560 00		70 35					915 00		1,545 35	
Emerson Home	1,080 00		217 95	175 00		172 75				1,645 70	
Allen Home	1,650 00		163 54	963 79		532 89	40 00	676 15	$17 00	3,986 37	57 00
Browning Home	976 17		319 07	463 19		380 07		264 00		3,402 50	
Simpson Home	960 00		197 70	554 25		55 00				1,766 95	
Kent Home	560 00		114 15	200 00		336 00	110 00		29 46	1,210 15	139 46
New Jersey Home	637 50		49 90	175 00		271 60	262 65			1,134 00	262 65
Ritter Home	585 00		28 67	170 00		1,266 00	116 00	3,634 35	75 00	5,684 02	191 00
Bennett Home	675 00		167 70			370 90		248 58	10 00	1,462 18	10 00
Bennett Academy	1,440 00		418 72	100 00						1,958 72	
Dickson Hall	315 00							130 30	28 00	445 30	28 00
E. L. Rust Home	760 00	$30 00	96 55	150 00		45 00			35 45	1,051 55	65 45
Adeline Smith Home	640 00			450 00		705 98	205 77			1,795 98	205 77
Italian Work New Orleans	360 00									360 00	
Peck School	640 00		133 90	290 31						1,064 21	
King Home	1,180 00		220 95			284 19	22 00	56 00	2,246 00	1,741 14	44 46
Eliza Dee Home	580 00		129 30			145 75	28 00		15 00	855 05	43 00
Utah				25 00	$10 50					25 00	10 50
Elsinore	666 68			215 52						882 20	
Moroni	370 67			175 27						545 94	
Logan	275 00			106 60						381 60	
Provo	330 00			121 00						451 00	
Mt. Pleasant	230 00			95 25						325 25	
Spring City	530 00		212 40	55 99						798 39	
Davis Deaconess Home	448 00			777 00	86 50					1,225 00	86 50
Ogden	203 65			74 55						278 20	
Harwood Home	1,518 50		188 25	400 00		1,200 00	194 00	838 50	126 64	4,145 25	320 64
Tucson, Arizona			160 00	1,707 77	307 77	124 50				1,992 27	307 77
El Paso, Texas								123 22		123 22	
Porto Rico McKinley School	1,010 00			387 00		875 00				2,272 00	
P. Rico Geo. O Rob'son Orph.	990 00			1,596 50		1,125 00	75 00	7,851 26	146 75	11,562 76	221 75
Hawaii				1,185 00		413 53	2 00	3,700 00	65 00	5,298 53	67 00
Japanese Work				17 75		883 61	880 90			2,658 61	880 90
Japanese, So. California				300 00	111 00					300 00	111 00

EXPENDITURES Continued.—AUGUST 1st, 1906, TO AUGUST 1st, 1907.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher
Chinese Work	.....	.....	.....	$2,600 00	.....	$1,313 76	1,427 90	$1,409 98	$598 00	$5,323 74	2,025 90
Chinese, So. California	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Attor'y Services, San Franci'o	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....
Emergency Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	302 25	109 12	302 25	109 12
S. F. Rehabilitation Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	813 87	.....	813 87	.....
Frances DePauw	.....	.....	.....	1,375 00	3,007 33	613 86	1,459 10	.....	.....	1,988 86	4,466 43
Boaz, Ala	.....	.....	$84 60	$775 00	69 00	1,433 75	360 00	15,823 92	1,352 37	18,117 27	1,781 37
Mitchell Home	$680 00	.....	51 00	244 00	.....	431 35	20 00	1,000 00	.....	2,406 35	20 00
Community Schools	410 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410 00	.....
American Highlanders	269 90	$110 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	269 90	110 00
Dulce, New Mexico	640 00	.....	43 45	200 00	10 00	105 50	11 30	.....	.....	988 95	21 30
Navajoes, New Mexico	1,435 00	.....	9 40	305 00	.....	551 00	.....	514 30	90 00	2,814 70	90 00
Stickney Home	1,038 66	.....	310 18	.....	7 55	864 31	7 25	253 05	38 50	2,466 20	53 30
Pawnee, Okla	440 00	.....	.....	93 95	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	533 95	30 00
White Eagle, Okla	480 00	.....	.....	125 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	605 78	.....
Pottawatomies	740 00	.....	98 00	75 00	386 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	913 00	386 78
Upper Lake, California	416 67	.....	98 00	41 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	556 31	.....
Jesse Lee Home	1,474 95	.....	690 47	300 00	.....	1,300 98	98 00	255 00	113 00	4,021 40	211 00
Sinuk, Nome, Alaska	240 00	.....	.....	404 00	1,485 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	644 00	1,485 60
New York Immigrants	.....	.....	.....	1,920 00	343 70	.....	.....	2,500 00	.....	4,420 00	343 70
Boston Immigrants	.....	.....	.....	1,244 00	440 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,244 00	440 00
Hull Street Settlement	.....	.....	.....	826 12	1,837 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	826 12	1,837 22
Philadelphia Immigrants	.....	.....	.....	180 00	178 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 00	178 00
E. A. Bradley Orphanage	.....	.....	.....	173 03	4,367 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	173 03	4,367 02
Mothers' Jewels Home	1,200 00	.....	.....	1,200 00	.....	1,272 23	.....	200 00	168 00	3,872 23	168 00
Watts de Peyster Home	.....	.....	.....	3,600 00	.....	2,383 62	590 25	1,296 09	123 37	7,279 71	713 62
Glenn Home	.....	.....	.....	1,797 35	205 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,797 35	205 05
Marcy Home	.....	.....	.....	2,400 00	.....	.....	.....	1,139 01	1,330 75	3,539 01	1,330 75
Lucy Webb Hayes School	2,839 98	.....	.....	5,135 99	.....	2,789 43	61 00	.....	1,154 29	10,765 40	1,215 29
Fisk Training School	.....	.....	.....	2,200 00	.....	560 63	235 48	4,707 10	383 86	7,467 73	619 34
San Francisco Train'g School	1,999 98	.....	.....	2,600 00	1,307 36	327 92	.....	.....	.....	4,927 90	1,307 36
Cunningham Deaconess Home	.....	.....	.....	429 41	2,676 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	429 41	2,676 80
Bancroft Rest Home	680 00	.....	.....	4,420 15	.....	.....	.....	282 50	447 35	962 50	447 35
Thompson Rest Home	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 50	36 00	30 50	36 00
Deaconess Homes	.....	.....	.....	.....	77,307 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,420 15	77,307 34
Conference Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	447 69	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	452 69
Frontier	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,153 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,153 82
Contingent	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,569 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,569 77
Totals	$43,506 31	$140 00	$5,206 42	$48,829 41	104,345 80	$26,256 14	$6,598 60	$49,812 18	$6,520 37	$173,610 46	$117,604 77

	General.		Totals.	
	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.
Administration—				
Secretaries:				
Bureau	$1,313 31			
Corresponding	1,216 57			
Field	1,401 09			
Recording	510 00			
Treasurer	490 00			
Deaconess Bureau	408 83			
Total, Secretaries			$5,339 80	
Organizers	4,679 53	$1,107 50	4,679 53	$1,107 50
Printing	2,669 87		2,669 87	
Offices:				
Boston	400 04			
Chicago	945 00			
Cincinnati	1,713 80			
Delaware	850 00			
Detroit	777 28			
New York	2,310 82			
Publishing	1,749 65			
Treasurer	868 17			
Total, Offices			9,614 76	
Interest on Notes and Annuities	8,461 31		8,461 31	
Miscellaneous	1,738 35	80 30	1,738 35	80 30
Insurance	3,573 17		3,573 17	
Expense, Annual Meeting	1,064 33	35 18	1,064 33	35 18
Notes paid during year	47,425 00		47,425 00	
Total	$81,566 12	$1,222 98	$84,566 12	$1,222 98

Total Expenditures, by Cash and Vouchers	$329,579 33
Notes paid during the year	47,425 00
Cash balance, July 31, 1907	2,216 15

GENERAL SUMMARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending July 31, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance, August, 1906,		$1,450 59
General Fund: Cash,	$97,436 15	
Vouchers,	10,319 88	
		107,756 03
Silver Offering,		36,025 49
Student Aid,	$36,735 03	
Vouchers,	3,540 94	
		40,275 97
Special Fund: Cash,	$47,697 80	
Vouchers,	104,966 93	
		152,664 73
Annuities: Cash,		12,722 18
Bequests: Cash,		3,676 57
Total receipts,		$354,571 56
Cash borrowed during the year,		24,648 92
		$379,220 48

EXPENDITURES.

General Fund:		
Salaries and Expenses at Homes: Cash,	$92,335 72	
Vouchers,	104,485 80	
		$196,821 52
For Carrying on the Work: Cash,	$37,441 12	
Vouchers,	1,222 98	
		38,364 10
Travel of Missionaries,		5,206 42
Student Aid: Cash,	$26,256 14	
Vouchers,	6,598 60	
		32,854 74
Special Fund: Cash,	$49,812 18	
Vouchers,	6,520 37	
		56,332 55
Total Expenditures,		$329,579 33
Cash balance, July 31, 1907,		2,216 15
Notes paid during the year,		47,425 00
Total,		$379,220 48
Receipts from all sources, 1906–1907:		
Cash and Cash vouchers, through General Treasurer,		$354,571 56
Cash borrowed during the year,		24,648 92
Values of supplies, frontier and local,		55,517 12
Total,		$434,737 60

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets:

Estimated Value of Buildings and Grounds:		
Southern States,	$241,250 00	
Utah, exclusive of Salt Lake City,	33,600 00	
New Mexico and Oklahoma,	28,200 00	
Pacific Coast,	43,000 00	
City Missions,	235,575 00	
Poto Rico,	19,000 00	
Deaconess Homes,	724,528 00	
Indian and Other Real Estate,	20,775 00	
		$1,345,928 00
Endowment Funds Invested:		
Browning Home (bonds),	$10,500 00	
Sibley Hospital,	1,000 00	
Watts de Peyster,	200 00	
Thayer Home,	1,800 00	
Browning Homes,	2,000 00	
Glenn Home,	1,000 00	
Deaconess Homes,	14,297 57	
		30,797 57
Delaware Savings Bank (special deposit),	$859 20	
Adams Express Co. (7 shares),	1,575 00	
Columbus Gas Stock (20 pref., 10 com.),	2,000 00	
Ohio Building & Loan Co. (20 shares) (with dividends added),	1,321 60	
Con. Gold, Copper & Co. (1,000 shares),	1,000 00	
Cash balance in Treasury,	2,216 15	
		8,971 95
Total assets,		$1,385,697 52

Liabilities;

Bills Payable (notes owned by Society),	$67,167 00
Endowment Fund: Previously reported,	12,117 07
Debt on Deaconess Property,	57,425 00
Total Liabilities,	136,709 07

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DEACONESS HOMES.

Aldrich Memorial:

Receipts—Balance, 1906	$861 52	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,930 00	
	$3,791 52	
Disbursements	1,532 31	
Balance, 1907		$2,259 21

Baltimore:

Receipts—Balance, 1906	$1,305 16	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	3,992 25	
	$5,297 41	
Disbursements	4,025 53	
Balance, 1907		1,271 88

Bancroft Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906	$476 52	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	5,688 08	
	$6,164 60	
Disbursements,	5,335 48	
Balance, 1907,		829 12
Bidwell:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$33 58	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	3,070 35	
	$3,103 93	
Disbursements,	3,073 93	
Balance, 1907,		30 00
Brooklyn:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$510 68	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	4,869 92	
	$5,380 60	
Disbursements,	4,885 33	
Balance, 1907,		495 27
Caroline Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$7 51	
Auxiliaries,	52 00	
	$59 51	
Disbursements,	22 36	
Balance, 1907,		37 15
Chattanooga, Tenn:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$600 00	
Disbursements,	600 00	
Cleveland:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$277 75	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	7,295 31	
	$7,573 06	
Disbursements,	7,021 96	
Balance, 1907,		551 10
Colorado Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$2 52	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	10,769 73	
	$10,772 25	
Disbursements,	10,036 13	
Balance, 1907,		136 12

Colorado Springs Sanitarium:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$11,508 40	
Disbursements,	11,508 40	
Cunningham:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$5,353 09	
Disbursements,	5,147 73	
Balance, 1907,		205 36
Davis:		
Receipts—Deficit, 1906.	$14 75	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,473 42	
	$1,458 67	
Disbursements,	1,381 82	
Balance, 1907,		76 85
Detroit:		
Receipts=Balance, 1906,	$184 75	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	4,170 25	
	$4,355 00	
Disbursements,	4,201 23	
Balance, 1907,		153 77
Dwight W. Blakeslie Memorial:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and others sources,	$1,592 47	
Disbursements,	1,509 80	
Balance in Treasury, 1907,		82 67
Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$803 80	
Disbursements,	726 25	
Balance in Treasury, 1907,		77 55
Elvira Olney Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$200 00	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	824 16	
	$1,024 16	
Disbursements,	704 52	
Balance, 1907,		319 64
Genesee Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$3,492 62	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	4,403 57	
	$7,896 19	
Disbursements,	3,538 46	
Balance, 1907,		4,357 73

Graham:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$8,086 60	
Disbursements,	7,872 97	
Balance, 1907,		213 63
Holloway:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$1,665 24	
Disbursements,	1,286 83	
Balance, 1907,		400 62
Indianapolis:		
Receipts,	$231 86	
Disbursements,	111 29	
Balance,		120 37
Jersey City:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$211 99	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	2,018 69	
	$2,230 68	
Disbursements,	1,577 00	
Balance, 1907,		653 68
Kansas City National Training-school:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$331 37	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	6,821 00	
	$7,152 37	
Disbursements,	6,518 45	
Balance, 1907,		633 92
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school and Sibley Memorial Hospital:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$212 52	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	41,376 94	
	$41,591 94	
Disbursements,	41,274 87	
Balance, 1907,		317 07
Marion, Ohio:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$339 60	
Disbursements,	339 60	
Martinsburg, W. Va.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$524 72	
Disbursements,	524 72	
Mt. Carmel, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$328 00	
Disbursements,	328 00	

New Castle, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$270 00	
Disbursements,	270 00	
Newark, N. J.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$521 31	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	1,628 62	
	$2,149 93	
Disbursements,	1,686 00	
Balance, 1907,		463 93
Ohio Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$250 24	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	1,896 52	
	$2,193 76	
Disbursements,	2,049 70	
Balance, 1907,		144 06
Open Door Mission and E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$105 01	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	3,634 54	
	$3,739 55	
Disbursements,	3,803 69	
Deficit, 1907,		64 14
Philadelphia, Pa.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$101 38	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources (Bequest $400 included),	6,717 93	
	$7,219 31	
Disbursements,	7,306 09	
Deficit, 1907,		86 78
Pittsburg, Pa.:		
Receipt—Balance, 1906,	$398 86	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	3,543 63	
	$3,942 49	
Disbursements,	3,159 61	
Balance, 1907,		782 88
Portland, Me.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$37 38	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	1,188 28	
	$1,225 66	
Disbursements,	1,186 38	
Balance, 1907,		39 28

St. Paul, Minn.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$455 54	
Disbursements,	177 33	
Balance in Treasury, 1907,		278 21
San Francisco. Cal.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$804 45	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	8,903 72	
	$9,708 17	
Disbursements,	8,837 02	
Balance, 1907,		871 15
Shesler:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$191 98	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	2,919 85	
	$3,111 83	
Disbursements,	3,098 41	
Balance, 1907,		13 42
Southern California Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$74 02	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources (Bequest $130 included),	3,392 23	
	$3,596 25	
Disbursements,	3,305 92	
Balance, 1907,		290 33
Southern Illinois Conference:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$360 00	
Disbursements,	360 00	
Southwest Kansas Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$477 34	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	1,316 23	
	$1,793 57	
Disbursements,	1,191 98	
Balance, 1907,		601 59
Springfield, Mo.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$803 80	
Disbursements,	776 25	
Balance, 1907,		77 55
Thompson Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$39 24	
Total receipts,	362 68	
	$401 92	
Disbursements,	184 22	
Balance, 1907,		217 70

Washington:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,	$150 33	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	2,473 53	
	$2,623 86	
Disbursements,	2,479 97	
Balance, 1907		143 89
Wilmington Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$620 06	
Disbursements,	237 67	
Balance in Treasury, 1907,		382 39
Wing Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1906,		
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$300 00	
Disbursements,	300 00	

STATIONS.

Moundsville, W. Va.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources,	$176 09	
Disbursements,	176 09	
Disbursements for stations for colored deaconesses reported by Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson,	$600 00	
Total Receipts of Deaconess Homes,	$173,532 73	
Total Disbursements of Deaconess Homes	166,241 60	
Balance in Treasuries,	$7,291 13	

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the President and Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society:

Your Auditing Committee respectfully reports that it has made the usual examination of the Treasurer's office in Cincinnati, including the books and accounts as well as the vouchers and securities. Your Committee found them all correct and the accounts well kept.

The Committee also appreciates the courtesy of the Treasurer and Accountant in giving it every assistance to facilitate the review of the business for the year.

MRS. W. A. GOODMAN, JR.,
MRS. JOHN M. PATTISON,
RICHARD DYMOND,
Committee on Auditing.

October 17, 1907.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1900.

WITH VERBAL CHANGES, AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER, 1901.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other Societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work.

ARTICLE III.—ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. This Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. The headquarters and principal office of the Society shall be in the city of Cincinnati. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Managers (twenty-one in all), who together shall constitute the Board of Trustees. There shall also be seven Associate Managers, who, with the Secretaries of Bureaus, shall be entitled to sit with the Board of Trustees and participate in its deliberations.

Sec. 2. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees occurring *ad interim* shall be filled by the Board.

Sec. 3. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held in November, February, May, and September. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and eleven shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be:

(1) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2) To determine all matters referred to it by the Board of Managers.

(3) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 5. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held in the City of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Board of Trustees and such of the following persons as shall be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, viz.: The Associate Managers, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the General Organizers, the Chairmen of Standing Committees appointed or confirmed by the Society at its Annual Meeting, the Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of *Children's Home Missions*, the Editor of the Annual Report, and the Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference Society. Also one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more Young People's organizations.

Sec. 6. The work of the Annual Meeting shall be:

(1) To elect the officers of the Society and the Associate Managers as indicated in Section 1.

(2) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, to receive the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, of Secretaries of Bureaus, of Conference Secretaries, and Standing Committees, to determine the fields of labor, to estimate the needs of the various fields, and to make appropriations for the ensuing year.

(3) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and estimates be in harmony with the Constitution.

Sec. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Sec. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-fields, to correspond with the Bureau and Conference Secretaries, and to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees, and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-fields.

Sec. 9. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society and make a report of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She shall pay the appropriations made by the Board of Managers, and such bills as the Board of Trustees may approve. The accounts shall be audited by a Committee elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION.

Sec. 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary (who may also be Treasurer), a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of such departments as the Conference may adopt. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, and hold office till others are chosen. The Conference Officers, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the districts, shall con-

stitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Executive Board of the Conference Society shall be: To plan for the establishment and growth of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange Anniversary exercises; to transact any other business that the interest of the Society may demand, provided its action be in harmony with this Constitution.

Sec. 4. (1) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary and other officers in organizing and conducting the work.

(2) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to create interest in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference; to conduct the correspondence of the Society; to forward quarterly to the General Corresponding Secretary a statement of the work of the Conference Society (as per blank provided); and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting.

(3) The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive and to forward quarterly to the General Treasurer the funds of the Society.

(4) Special Work. Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the Board of Trustees, raise special funds for the purchase of property, for the building or care of Homes, for the support of teachers, deaconesses, or pupils in the schools or Homes of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society Auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate for every twenty members to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, provided that each Auxiliary shall have one delegate.

ARTICLE VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership in the Society, and the payment of twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—RELATION TO OTHER BRANCHES OF CHURCH WORK.

Section 1. This Society shall engage in educational, missionary, and deaconess labor, exclusively in our own land, and shall work in harmony with the connectional Societies of the Church.

The missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

Sec. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collection, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular

Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the Treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections, and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the ensuing year, shall be so arranged that its fields of labor, its general plans of work, and its appropriations may be submitted to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church for approval at its Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution, except Article VII, may be amended by the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in *Woman's Home Missions*.

Amendments to Article VII may be proposed as above, but to become effective must be approved by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. A committee of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, which shall occur on the third Wednesday of October. The place of the meeting shall be fixed at the previous meeting of the Board of Managers; if not provided for, it shall be determined by this committee, who shall announce the time and place in the Church papers.

2. All officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot, and elected by ballot in open session.

3. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be elected by acclamation by the Board of Managers on nomination by the Board of Trustees. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the body except the vote.

4. The Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and of *Children's Home Missions* shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

5. General Organizers shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

6. There shall be the following Standing Committees: On Mothers' Jewels Home, Glenn Home, Marcy Home, Watts de Peyster Home, the several Deaconess Homes, on Rest Homes; Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaii Islands; and on Publication, Mite-Boxes, and

Day of Humiliation and Prayer; the Committees on Homes named, except Rest Homes, shall be nominated by their respective local Boards, and confirmed by the Board of Managers; the Committee on Rest Homes, Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaii Islands, on Literature, on Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and on Temperance, shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

7. The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers, acting as a Committee of the Whole.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. The mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau, and elected by the Board of Trustees. The Bureau for Young People's Work shall consist of two Associate Secretaries (one to supervise Young Women's Auxiliaries and Home Mission Circles, the other to supervise Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels), one or more Field Secretaries, and such assistants as are nominated by the Secretaries of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees.

2. Each Bureau shall have the responsibility, in its own field, of executing the plans and applying the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the Board of Trustees.

3. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to supervise the work, secure conformity to the rules for mission work approved by the General Board of Managers, and report quarterly or oftener to the Board of Trustees.

4. The Bureaus shall be: (1) Georgia; (2) Florida; (3) East Central States; (4) West Central States; (5) Mississippi; (6) West Southern States; (7) Texas; (8) White Work in the South; (9) Utah; (10) New Mexico; (11) Arizona (Spanish); (12) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (13) Pacific Coast Indian Bureau; (14) Alaska; (15) Immigrants; (16) Eastern Deaconess; (17) Central Deaconess; (18) Western Deaconess; (19) Pacific Coast Deaconess; (20) Bureau for the Supervision of Colored Deaconesses; (21) Chinese Work; (22) Japanese and Korean Work; (23) Porto Rico; (24) Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast; (25) Mission Supplies; (26) Young People's Work; (27) Home Missionary Reading Circle; (28) Systematic Beneficence.

5. The Bureau for Georgia shall supervise the work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida.

6. The Bureau for the East Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in West North Carolina and South Carolina.

7. The Bureau for the West Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in East North Carolina and Tennessee.

8. The Bureau for Mississippi shall supervise the work of the Society in that State.

9. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall supervise the work of the Society in Louisiana and Arkansas.

10. The Bureau for White Work in the South shall supervise all white work in the South, not otherwise provided for.

11. The Bureau for Texas, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), and Alaska shall supervise the work of the Society in these States and Territories respectively.

12. The Pacific Coast Indian Bureau shall supervise the work of the Society at Stickney Home, Ukiah and at Yuma Missions.

13. The Bureau for Immigrants shall supervise the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial Schools for immigrant women and girls, in connection with the Atlantic ports of entry.

14. All Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be associated together in a Department of Deaconess Work.

(*a.*) This department shall consist of a General Superintendent, a Field Secretary, a Standing Committee on National Training-schools and Five Bureaus; the Bureaus to be known as the Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Coast, and Bureau for the supervision of Colored Deaconesses.

(*b.*) The Standing Committee shall supervise the National Training-schools and such Deaconesses of the other Training-schools as are engaged in the general work of the Society.

(*c.*) The Eastern Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, east of the Genesee, Pittsburg, and West Virginia Conferences.

(*d.*) The Central Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, in the Genesee, Pittsburg, and West Virginia Conferences and as far west as the eastern boundary of Illinois.

(*e.*) The Western Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, situated between the eastern boundary of Illinois and the western boundary of Colorado.

(*f.*) The Pacific Coast Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, west of Utah.

(*g.*) The Bureau for the Supervision of Colored Deaconesses shall include all Deaconess Work among colored people.

(*h.*) The Deaconess Work in Utah shall be under the supervision of the Utah Bureau.

(*i.*) The Executive Committee of the Department shall consist of a General Superintendent and a Field Secretary; the Committee on National Training-schools; the Secretaries of the several Deaconess Bureaus, together with two representatives from the Executive Committee of each Deaconess Institution.

(*j.*) The duty of the Executive Committee shall be the establishment and general supervision of all Training-schools and Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Society.

(*k.*) The appointment of Deaconesses to their fields of labor shall be made by the General Superintendent and Chairman of Training-schools Committee.

(*l.*) The Presidents of the National Training-schools shall be nominated by the Committee of the National Training-schools and elected by the Board of Trustees.

(*m.*) The Board of Management of each Home shall report semi-annually on dates corresponding to the division of the fiscal year of the Society to the Secretary of the Bureau. The Secretary of the Bureau shall report annually to the General Superintendent.

(*n.*) Auxiliaries in cities and towns where such Deaconess Homes are located as are authorized to send a delegate to the General Board of Managers shall be entitled to half the membership dues, which amount shall be returned to the Conference Treasurer.

(*o.*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than eight years of efficient consecutive service as Deaconesses, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the eight years of service not to include the two years of training.

(*p.*) Any such deaconess may be admitted to a Rest Home on the payment for her of $200 by the Home of which she has been a member, or by herself, or by her friends.

(*q.*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who, at the close of their effective service, shall be unwilling to enter a Rest Home.

(*r.*) There shall be a Standing Committee for the purpose of creating and enlarging the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

(*s.*) The Board of Management of such Deaconess Home as receives support from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on approval of the General Board of Managers, shall become a Standing Committee for its management, and shall be entitled to a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

(*t.*) We recommend that the rules of the several Homes, as to support of deaconesses, term of service, costume, age, or admission and support of disabled workers, shall be as nearly as possible uniform, and that the allowance for incidentals, for clothing, etc., for a licensed deaconess shall be eight dollars a month; all questions pertaining to the general interests of deaconess work being in each Conference finally placed, as by the Discipline, under the control of the Conference Board of Nine.

(*u.*) Any person receiving aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society in securing training at the training-schools of the Society shall receive this money as a loan, which obligation shall be satisfied by a term of service in the Society of not less than two years' service for one year's training, nor less than four years' service for two years' training, or return the money to the Society as soon as practicable.

(*v.*) The Superintendent of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference in which that Home is located.

(*w.*) The deaconesses of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society may select, annually, one of their own number who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to represent them at the meetings of the Conference Society.

15. The Bureau for Chinese Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Chinese.

16. The Bureau for Japanese and Korean work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Japanese and Koreans on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii.

17. The Bureau for Porto Rico shall supervise the work of the Society in the Porto Rican mission field.

18. The Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast shall supervise the work of the Society for the Spanish people on that coast.

19. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall supervise the collection and distribution of clothing, literature, and such other supplies as may be helpful to ministers' families, Sunday-schools, and the Industrial Schools of the Society.

20. It shall be the duty of the Bureau for Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Home Missions among young people; to organize Young Women's Auxiliaries, Home Mission Circles, and Home Guards, and to secure the enlistment of Mothers' Jewels.

21. Local missionary work, for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

22. The funds used for the support of city mission work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

23. Auxiliaries and Churches furnishing supplies to meet the needs of missionary work recognized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be credited for the same through the Bureau for Supplies.

24. The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circle shall co-operate with the Secretary of Literature in the supervision and preparation of courses of missionary reading, and the organization of Reading Circles. Loan libraries may be provided for the use of ministers and students in frontier districts.

25. The duty of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence shall be to promote systematic giving by the preparation and circulation of literature, and such other efforts as are adapted to secure this end.

26. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 31st of July.

2. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th.

3. CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

4. GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of October, January, April, and July.

5. The funds of the Society, unless otherwise ordered, must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer, and whenever held by either of these officers shall be deposited in a banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board of Trustees, through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year), carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what special work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. No officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society, shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the Board of Trustees of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

10. The erection of buildings shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society, or fully provided for, nor until the erection of said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of the Bureau having charge of the work, which shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and Schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. At the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers and assistants, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees and paid by order of the Society.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly or through their Superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work as per blank provided, sending one copy to the General Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. It shall be the aim in our Industrial Schools to provide: (1) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4) Instruction in dressmaking and cutting, making and mending plain garments or ordinary wearing apparel; (5) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6) Kindergarten and kitchengarden training; (7) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a Committee on Literature consisting of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of Publications, and the Secretary of Literature.

2. This Committee shall secure and furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields in the form of Books, Booklets,

and Leaflets, upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence. All leaflets, booklets, etc., bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the bills for printing which are to be paid from the treasury, shall receive the approval of the Committee on Literature before being put to press.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Board of Trustees as will be of interest to the Society or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

(1) Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home missionary?

(2) Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

(3) Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

(4) When and where were you born?

(5) What are your domestic relations and obligations?

(6) Have you a thorough English education?

(7) In what schools have you taught, and how long?

(8) Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

(9) Can you cut and fit dresses and teach sewing and millinery?

(10) Are you able to give instruction in housekeeping, including cooking?

(11) Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. (1) The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) Good health; (4) Educational fitness; (5) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) Aptness to teach.

(2) Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

(3) The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

(4) When a candidate has been approved by the Board of Trustees, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission-field.

(5) The Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting in April shall make a special examination of the work of the missionaries during the past year, and appoint them for the coming year.

(6) A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also her return expenses when she is recalled by the Board of Trustees; and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall not exceed $40 per month.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young Woman's Auxiliaries paying $1.00 dues per member and ten cents contingent fund, may be organized under the constitution and by-laws provided for Auxiliaries.

2. Young People may be organized into Home Mission Circles under the general rules governing Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of fifty cents per annum and ten cents contingent fund. They may be under the direction of an older person, and they are recommended to choose a special name.

3. Conferences having ten or more Young Women's Organizations may elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

4. Young people under fourteen may be organized into Home Guards under the constitution provided.

5. Children may be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels on the payment of ten cents annually.

6. The payment of $10 shall constitute a Junior Life Membership for those fourteen years old or younger.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[Note.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

3. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

4. At the quarterly meetings, written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to a seat and the privilege of discussion.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3) Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4) Reports of Special Committees; (5) Unfinished business; (6) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the Chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1) Business; (2) Scholarships; (3) Missionary Candidates; (4) Annual Meeting; (5) Literature; (6) *Woman's Home Missions;* (7) Transportation; (8) Mite-boxes; (9) Bequest and Devise; (10) Insurance; (11) Thank-offering.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it. This Executive Board shall determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of Standing Committees, of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and of a visiting delegate and alternate as provided in Sec. VII, No. 2, Young People's Work.

3. Order of business: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Introduction of delegates; (3) Appointment of committees; (4) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5) Report of Treasurer; (6) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7) Reports of District Officers; (8) Report of Secretaries of Departments; (9) Reports of committees; (10) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (11) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) Annual Meeting; (2) By-laws; (3) *Woman's Home Missions.*

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The officers shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by ballot. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference. No Conference Society shall be allowed to have salaried officers except the Conference Organizer, and her salary shall be such as has been provided for by the By-laws of the Society.

8. Every Auxiliary Society and Young People's Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate for each twenty members, and fraction thereof. Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies of less than twenty members shall be entitled to one delegate; also the Board of Management of a Deaconess Home or Mission Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, Secretaries of Departments, and Conference Organizers, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks and receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of October, January, April, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings. In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands.

11. There shall be a Supply Secretary, a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary for Young People's Work, a Secretary for Home Missionary Reading Circle, Secretary of Systematic Beneficence, Secretary of Literature, Secretary of Temperance, and such other Secretaries as the exigencies of the work demand, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board. Each Conference Society shall also select a Manager for National Training-schools.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ———— on the —— of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Mite-box and Thank-offering funds raised under the auspices of the Society shall be devoted *only* to some department of the work of the Society.

15. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys and vouchers sent to the General Treasurer.

16. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute ten cents a member annually, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

17. As soon as practicable, each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

18. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

19. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing Auxiliaries and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

20. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

21. In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expense and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance.

22. The accounts of such Organizers shall be audited each month by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Conference Board for this purpose before sending bills to the General Treasurer.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the Auxiliaries the —— of ——, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the ———— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Art. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

Art. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ———— District shall be a member of the Association.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Secretaries of departments as are necessary to the promotion of the work. These officers shall be nominated by informal ballot and elected by ballot.

Art. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of September, of December, of March, and of June, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of October, January, April, and July. The Treasurer shall hold the Contingent Fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 6. There shall be an Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

Art. 7. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of the needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, and such other Department Secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions.*

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Literature to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. She shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the Auxiliary.

7. Order of exercises for monthly meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Reports from members of work done; (4) Report of Treasurer, in writing; (5) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (6) Unfinished business; (7) Miscellaneous business; (8) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. There shall be a Contingent Fund provided either by the assessment of ten cents per member, or by a penny collection at the regular meetings, or by any other method devised by the Auxiliary.

11. Each woman connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

12. These By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME MISSION CIRCLES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Home Mission Circle of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Circle shall be to interest the young people of the Church in missionary work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country.

Art. 3. Any young person fourteen years of age or over, paying one cent a week, or fifty cents a year and ten cents contingent fund, may become a member of this Society, and any person paying two cents a week, or one dollar a year, may become an Honorary member of the Circle.

Art. 4. The officers of this Circle shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together with the Conference and District Secretaries for Young People, as advisory, by correspondence or otherwise, shall constitute an Executive Committee to conduct the work of the Circle.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Circle shall be held ——— of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be on ——— day of ———, when Annual reports shall be read, and officers elected for the coming year.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be changed only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME MISSION CIRCLES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Circle, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in her absence, and seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Circle, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Circle, solicit subscriptions to our papers, and send reports once a quarter to the Conference Secretary of the work of the Circle.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, keep a book account, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer. A Contingent Fund for the expenses of the Circle shall also be provided.

6. There shall be two Standing Committees, Literary and Musical, one to furnish a Missionary Program, and the other to provide music for the meetings.

7. Home Mission Circles may give literary and musical entertainments in public, at which full reports of the work of the Circle may be made, that the sympathy and interest of the Church may be awakened and kept alive.

8. Each member of the Circle shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

9. Suggestive Order of Exercises for Monthly Meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading of minutes; (3) Report of Treasurer; (4) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5) Discussion of plans of work; (6) Program; (7) Adjournment.

10. These By-laws can be amended only at a regular meeting of the Circle by a two-thirds vote of the members present; one month's notice of such intention having been given.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME GUARDS.

Article 1. This organization shall be called the ——— Home Guards of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Organization is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

Art. 3. The officers of this Organization shall be a lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Organization; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

Art. 4. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of the Home Guards by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee. The payment of $2.50 shall constitute a life membership.

Art. 5. The Home Guards may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 6. The Home Guards may support a beneficiary, furnish mission supplies, or assist in any department of missionary work they may desire, provided the work chosen be approved by the Executive Board of the Conference Society, or the Board of Trustees of the General Society.

Art. 7. This Organization may become a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing to its work in its various fields, and all work done by them shall be under the auspices of the Woman's Home

Missionary Society. Money and vouchers must be sent through their Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer.

Art. 8. The Annual Meeting of the Home Guards for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

Art. 9. This Constitution can be amended by the Board of Trustees of the General Society. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME GUARDS.

1. The meetings of this Organization shall be held on ——— of every ———.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Vice-Presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their Societies, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

4. Order of Exercises for Regular Meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Report of Treasurer; (4) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5) Report of Home Guards; (6) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (7) Program; (8) Adjournment.

5. These By-laws may be amended with the consent of the Auxiliary with which the Society is connected.

CONSTITUTION FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Mothers' Jewels of ——— Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society is to help other children by working with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 3. Any boy or girl may join this Society by paying dues of ten cents a year.

Art. 4. The Society shall be under the charge of an adult leader, and its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. 5. The members of the Society shall raise money under the direction of their Leader (in addition to paying the dues), to help take care of children in the various Homes of our Society.

BY-LAWS FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

1. The time and place of meetings and the programs for the same shall be under the direction of the Leader.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST*—(*Personal Estate*)—*I give and bequeath to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.***

DEVISE*—(*Real Estate*)—*I give and devise to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say :.....to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.***

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

DONATION $1,000.	ANNUITY 5%.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

CERTIFICATE OF ANNUITY.

(Insert donor's name.) (Insert Residence.)

_____ *of* _____,

having donated the sum of **One Thousand Dollars** *to THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, subject, however, to the payment by said Society of an* **annuity** *of five per cent per annum on said sum for and during her natural life, which donation has been accepted, subject to the condition aforesaid; NOW, THEREFORE, said Society hereby agrees to pay said annuity to the order of said donor in semi-annual installments, being the sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars**, *payable on the first day of January, and a like sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars**, *payable on the first day of July of each and every year hereafter, so long as the said* _____ *shall live; and after her death said Society shall not be subject to any payment on account of said donation.*

This Society *shall have the immediate right to use said donation for any of its purposes.*

In Witness Whereof *said Society has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed at the City of Cincinnati, by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, its Treasurer, thereunto duly authorized, this* _____ *day of* _____ *one thousand nine hundred and* _____

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BY

_____

TREASURER.

{ *CORPORATE SEAL.* }

NOTE.—Form of Annuity Certificate. The above form is for a donation of $1,000.00, with annuity of five per cent. It can readily be changed either in amount or in the rate per cent, or in both, so as to comply with the facts and contract in each case.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to become incorporated under the laws of Ohio, in such cases made and provided, do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following Articles of Incorporation :

First. The name of the corporation shall be "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

Second. The said corporation shall be located at *Cincinnati*, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Third. The said corporation is not for profit, but is wholly benevolent and charitable.

Fourth. The purpose and objects of the corporation shall be to enlist and organize Christian women to labor in behalf of needy and destitute women and children in all parts of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in educational and missionary work; to employ women to work in destitute localities; to instruct the ignorant and unfortunate in the practice of industry and economy; and in the principles of sanitary law and morality, and to establish schools and evangelistic agencies throughout the United States and Territories.

Thus done and certified at *Cincinnati, Ohio*, this *20th* day of *November*, A. D., *1884*.

ELIZA G. DAVIS,	[Seal.]
ELIZABETH RUST,	[Seal.]
E. J. FOWLER WILLING,	[Seal.]
M. E. AMPT,	[Seal.]
LOUISA HEMESETH.	[Seal.]

The State of Ohio, Hamilton County, ss.:

Be it remembered that on the *20th* day of *November*, *1884*, before me the subscriber, a *Notary Public* in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared *Eliza G. Davis*, *Elizabeth Rust*, *E. J. Fowler Willing*, *M. E. Ampt*, and *Louisa Hemeseth*, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledged that they respectively signed and sealed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my *Notarial Seal*, the day and year last aforesaid.

WM. J. T. WILSON,
Notary Public, Hamilton County, O.

{(SEAL.)}

The State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, ss.:

I, *Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas*, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this office that *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking such proof, or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized to administer oaths, to take acknowledgments of deeds, etc.

And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate, or proof of acknowledgment, is genuine. I further certify that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Cincinnati, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1884.

(SEAL.)

Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk.
By Richard C. Rohner, Deputy.

(Certificate under Section 906, Revised Statutes of the United States.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State of the State of Ohio*, and being the officer who, under the Constitution and Laws of said State, is duly constituted the keeper of the record of articles of incorporation of all companies incorporated under the laws thereof, and the records of all papers relating to the creation of said incorporated companies, and empowered to authenticate exemplifications of the same, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument is an exemplified copy, carefully prepared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the Articles of Incorporation of "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," filed in this office on the *22d* day of *November*, A. D. *1884*, and recorded in *Volume 31*, *Page 242*, of the *Records of Incorporations;* that said exemplification is in due form and made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto attached my official signature and the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 1st day of March, A. D., 1902.

LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State.*
[Signed.]

SEAL.

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